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We are one - Time to act as one

by Jeff Johnson, President of Wash. State Labor Council, AFL-CIO

We are living in unprecedented times. The labor movement is under a concerted and vicious right-wing attack over our rights to have a voice at work and a voice in society. The same billionaires and bankers, who created the "great recession" have funded Republican Governors' efforts to dismantle public employee collective bargaining rights and to impose severe budget cuts on the victims of the recession. While Wisconsin and Ohio are at the center of the war, the attacks on labor, the middle class, students, the poor, and immigrant workers are being waged across the country, including in Washington State. The tactic is an old one. Blame the victim and try to set workers against each other – private sector against public sector, non-immigrant against immigrant, and the middle class against the poor.

If they are successful in dividing and conquering us, it is our fault. Michael Honey's new book, *All Labor Has Dignity*, narrates a series of Martin Luther King's speeches to labor about the need for creating a people's movement, a grand coalition that puts the values and needs of people first. This movement has yet to be created. MLK often said, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." He wasn't talking about the laws of physics but rather the need for us as labor and community to come together and bend that arc. We have an opportunity to start bending that arc in Washington State now.

After three years and $12 billion of budget deficits, and another $5 billion of deficit this year, it is time to close the hundreds of tax loopholes that reward the wealthy and the corporations. A people's budget, a moral budget, would not kick people off the Basic Health Plan or Children's Health; would not cut services for home health care; would not reduce enrollments by tens of thousands and increase tuition for students; would not cut the benefits of injured workers; would not attack immigrant workers; and would not eliminate or reduce the democratic bargaining rights of workers in the public or private sector; would not, would not, would not...

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It's time for us to begin building that people's movement in Washington State. Brothers and sisters, activists, community organizers in Olympia and Thurston County, I ask you to join us for a week of action from April 2 – 8 to raise our voices to say we are one people and that the voices and needs of people come first – that we are one labor movement. We demand that we create jobs in Washington State, that we stop the budget cuts on the most vulnerable, that we value our public servants, that the politicians keep their hands off of our collective bargaining rights and workers' compensation system, and that the legislature close corporate tax exemptions to fix our budget, revenue, and jobs deficit.

There will be many actions during the week and we will try to keep you posted on our website (www.wslc.org). *[See page 3 for an outline of the week's events.]*

I have lived in the Olympia community for twenty-five years and have always been impressed with the activism of our community. Please join us April 2-8 and help us figure out together how to build a sustainable people's movement.

- Jeff Johnson

President, Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Biomass victory!

by WIP News Service

Local environmental activists won a major victory in March, when Adage, a Philadelphia-based energy company, withdrew its proposal for a biomass incinerator in Shelton. This after months of active opposition, organized by groups such as No Biomass Burn, and Incinerator-Free Mason County.

From No Biomass Burn:

"Adage was driven out of Mason County (and elsewhere in Washington and the United States) by ordinary folks mounting fierce resistance to this large transnational corporation trying to poison them with large biomass incinerators. The Adage incinerators, like all biomass incinerators, would have decimated our forests, stoked climate change, and rained toxic pollution on regional populations--while guzzling hundreds of millions of taxpapayer dollars in subsidies from federal and state governments.

"In Mason County, thousands of people opposed the plans by Adage to build a huge 65MW biomass incinerator just outside Shelton. We started organizing against Adage in February, 2010. More than a year later, we are victorious. We defeated Adage with our street protests, our community outreach, our mass meetings (meetings which the county government refused to hold), our newspaper ads, and our lawsuit.

"This is a tremendous victory for the people of Mason County, of Washington State and of the Earth.

"We continue to battle biomass incinerators proposed for Evergreen State College, for Port Angeles, for Port Townsend, and another proposed for Shelton by Simpson."

Indeed, the local fight is not over yet. Stay tuned to *WIP* for all the latest biomass news.

Defending reproductive rights

by Colleen Dixon

March 8 was International Women's Day. How ironic that a day marking the economic, social and political advances of women should come just after the U.S. House of Representatives voted to deny millions of low-income women access to basic preventive health services. The funding for health services – and Planned Parenthood - that Congress decided to eliminate saves womens' lives. Around the world, 1000 women die every day as a consequence of pregnancy and childbirth. Our country's numbers are substantially lower in part because we have historically invested in programs like the Title X family planning program.

The Title X program has provided millions of American women with lifesaving health care since President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1970. It prevents unintended pregnancy and gets women timely referrals for prenatal care. Women's reproductive health care is a fundamental human right and should be accessible to all. Unfortunately, the 6 in 10 women who receive care from a family planning health center like Planned Parenthood consider it to be their main source of health care. I am hard pressed to think of a single person I know who has not, at some point in their life, truly relied on the valuable services Planned Parenthood provides.

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This service does nothing but benefit the health and wellbeing of our community, yet our local clinic is being violently threatened. These threats come at our local downtown Olympia Planned Parenthood clinic from many different angles. From our harmful and shortsighted national politics that threaten Planned Parenthood's very existence, to our streets where anti-choice bullies stand on the corner with their gory signs and attempt to shame women and violate their privacy. These ignorant and extreme voices may be the loudest and the most visible but I do not believe they are the majority. They do not speak for Olympia.

We support those who support us; we create the type of support we want to see replicated. Olympia's downtown Planned Parenthood clinic has been providing services and support for our community for decades. We cannot lose this service — whether it be through loss of funding or intimidation. Planned Parenthood plays a vital role in the health of our community. In Thurston county, and 15 other counties across the state, Planned Parenthood is the only low-income family planning provider. In Washington State alone, Planned Parenthood health centers provide 40,953 STI/HIV screening tests, 38,962 annual exams and 39,010 breast cancer screenings annually, in addition to birth control counseling, supplies and other health care services.

Our Planned Parenthood also provides something a little less tangible; it gives women the ability to make decisions about their future. It is the first basic step in access to a judgment-free spectrum of choices regarding our bodies, self-expression, and legal rights. We've known for ages the importance of reproductive choice. Margaret Sanger wrote

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ZAHID CHAUDHRY

Local veteran faces deportation hearing in April

by the Keep Zahid Home Campaign Committee

Many, many thanks again to those who traveled to and rallied in solidarity at the January hearing in Seattle. We packed the courtroom to overflowing, standing room only, and still so many supporters outside the courtroom and also downstairs on the street, to the point the judge decided to hear Chaudhry's case first!

Gibbs Houston Pauw (GHP), council for the Chaudhrys, asked the judge to be relieved from representing the Chaudhrys due to "communication issues." Previously, GHP had conveyed to the Chaudhrys that they wanted the Chaudhrys to sign a paper saying they were relieving GHP from representation due to the money owed to GHP. This was a surprise to the Chaudhrys as they were in compliance with a payment contract with GHP, which the GHP had designed themselves. Also, moments before the January hearing, Devin Theriot-Orr came into the courtroom and took the Chaudhrys to GHP offices on a different floor in the same building, where the Chaudhrys were told that GHP didn't want to represent them. This was the first the Chaudhrys had heard of this.) Zahid told Judge DeFonzo he wanted GHP to continue to represent him, and Judge DeFonzo did not allow GHP to sever themselves from the case. Judge DeFonzo "continued" the hearing until April 13, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. and said GHP should assist in getting the Chaudhrys council before the next hearing. The clerk of court offered a single page listing attorney contact names. Only two names were on that list, both from the Northwest Immigration Rights Project.

After leaving the court, many in the group rallied and talked together, then went to visit Senator Patty Murray's office and Senator Maria Cantwell's office just down the street. The group met with a representative of Senator Patty Murray who took down notes and said the Senator would raise the issue and get it resolved and would get back to the Chaudhrys (which has not happened yet).

At the rally and during interviews, the Chaudhrys tried to call upon the journalists to do their investigative mandate to shed light on the racist actions of Gary Belles (a police lieutenant with Yakima PD), and the role he has played, and to what extent, in causing suffering for the Chaudhry family, particularly since 9/11. However, "news reporters" are apparently nowadays only interested in the quick and easy and "sensationalism." Every one of the TV and newspaper reports contained massive errors and some outright lies. The most comprehensive and most correct recent story has been from *Works In Progress*. The Chaudhry's view was that, if they were telling the opinions of the opposition, then who was taking the time to tell the hard facts of Chaudhry's side? Nevertheless, the undeniable facts about Zahid are:

If this case does not clearly show to the world the discrimination, prejudice and outright hatred that this family has suffered, particularly since 9/11, what else could?

- He has always come to the U.S. legally in good faith;
- He has not broken any U.S. law, not even a traffic ticket;
- He served honorably in the U.S. Army, as evidenced by his two discharge certificates;
- He qualifies for expedited citizenship based on Qualified Military service, which is expedited as demonstrated by a *Tacoma News Tribune* article dated Feb 12, 2004 "From illegal immigrant to U.S. soldier to citizen" – even for those people who came here illegally.
- He qualifies for citizenship based on his marriage to a U.S. citizen: Zahid and Ann have been married over 10 years;
- He qualifies for citizenship on additional bases as well;

Zahid has never struck anyone; he didn't rape anyone; he hasn't killed anyone; he's never stolen anyone's money, and he hasn't hurt anyone. He's worked thousands of volunteer hours in service to community, his firefighting service, and additionally in dedicated service to our state and country. No country can ask for more in a candidate for citizenship.

On top of all this, Zahid has paid fees (even when they weren't required, like for the Military N400 form) and filled out complex, complicated forms to the best of their abilities.

Yet he has been accused of lack of good moral character, subjectively, not objectively or as a matter of fact. They do not deny the fact that he came here legally or that Zahid has lawfully earned his citizenship. Instead, one incident in his entire life, well before he came to America, is taken out of context, misrepresented, totally blown out of proportion, and spun in bad light by self-serving bureaucrats to unfairly define Zahid. Meanwhile all of the many, many great deeds Zahid's done, who has contributed his entire life, are willfully ignored and excluded from this unfair definition imposed upon Zahid. If this case does not clearly show to the world the discrimination, prejudice, and outright hatred that this family has suffered, particularly since 9/11, what else could?

If you think somebody who works 8 hours in good faith should get paid for their work, then Zahid has earned his citizenship, since he and his wife have done everything in good faith and complied with all the laws, forms and everything. But if you think a person should not get paid because they might look slightly different than you, or have a different name, then you believe there is no reason to give somebody what they have earned.

Please take action to Keep Zahid Home:

Log on to www.americasvoiceonline.org/zahid where you can *easily* and *quickly* send four faxes, free (it is web-based and you do not need to have a fax machine), to four persons in the US that can provide relief from deportation. Click the "Participate" box to get started, and follow the directions at the next screen. A short letter is already included, but you may add to the letter from your personal knowledge of the Chaudhrys, or use the talking points provided to the right of the letter. Type your name at the bottom of the letter and click the "Next" box at the bottom of the page; review and click the "Send" box to fax four free faxes.

Visit www.keepzahidhome.org for news and further info, or email keepzahidhome@gmail.com

(For more information about Zahid's case, read the Works In Progress *interview with Ann and Zahid Chaudhry in the January 2011 issue of* WIP*, available at www.olywip.org)*

UPDATE

As *Works In Progress* went to press, news broke of the Chaudhry's positive meeting with Senator Maria Cantwell.

From Keep Zahid Home Committee: "Senator Cantwell gave all the people present her personal commitment that she will get this matter resolved. She said 'It is between David and Goliath and I'm on David's side,' as she pointed to Zahid. There will be a conference call with us when she gets back to D.C."

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Week of action to hold our legislators accountable to the people of Washington

by Monica Peabody, P.O.W.E.R.

The war on the poor, which is truly a war on everyone but the very rich, is not only continuing, it's getting more brutal and dictatorial. On February 1, 5,300 families lost their welfare benefits to a retroactive 5-year time limit, leaving the parents of 11,300 children with nothing but food stamps to pay the bills while our state maintains double digit unemployment rates. Welfare benefits have been decreased to 25% of the federal poverty level, or $385 for a single parent and child. Disability benefits have been cut from $339, never enough to get through the month, to a mere $197. Security guards have been hired to monitor the lobbies of welfare offices statewide, and the Department of Social and Health Services has just proudly hired 7 new welfare fraud investigators.

State workers are facing pay cuts and increasingly costly benefits; college students are facing uncertain futures as tuition prices skyrocket and financial aid decreases. School classrooms are becoming more crowded and Medicaid recipients can no longer get glasses, dentures, or hearing aids. Fortunately, however, you can still purchase a private jet or elective plastic surgery without paying sales tax. You can get an interest deduction on your vacation home; millionaires nationwide received $11 billion this year in estate tax cuts. We have rallied, testified, written letters, made calls, sent emails. The legislators who are trying to make change need our support, and the ones who are ignoring us need to pay attention. They have said "Enough" in Egypt! They have said "Enough" in Wisconsin! It's time to say "Enough" in Washington!

Join us on Tuesday, April 5th, at 10 am at the Olympia/Rafah Solidarity Mural on State and Capitol. There will speakers and music; we will march to the Capitol for a rally on the steps, workshops in the rotunda, visits with legislators, song circles, and more. Bring the kids; we'll have toys and games, books and art supplies, and lunch! Bring your sleeping bag, heck, we may not leave, because on April 6th we'll be joined by hundreds of people from Seattle, then on April 7th and 8th, labor unions will be bussing thousands of workers from across Washington.

United, the community demands that the Governor and State Legislature:

1. Close corporate tax loopholes
2. Stop scapegoating our communities, people of color, immigrants, and public workers
3. Stop the cuts to critical social services
4. Create jobs

Endorsing organizations: Washington Community Action Network (WA-CAN), Washington State Labor Council, Washington Federation of State Employees/ AFSCME, Radical Woman & Sisters Organizing for Survival, Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights (POWER), Washington Teacher's Association, Our Economic Future, SEIU, US Uncut, and others. We are hoping to build an inclusive, robust, and effective response to budget cuts and extend the invitation to everyone who cares about a fair budget. If you have questions, concerns, contact POWER, Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights, 309 5th Avenue SE, Olympia, WA 98501, 360-352-9716, welfarerights@riseup.net, http://www.oly-wa.us/power/. Find us on Facebook.

POWER is an organization of low-income parents and allies advocating for a strong social safety net while working toward a world where children and care giving are truly valued, and the devastation of poverty has been eradicated.

Week of Solidarity actions

In the face of a coordinated full-scale attack on public employees and on Americans' fundamental freedom of association, the Washington State Labor Council is working with its affiliates and progressive community allies to organize a week of action April 2-8. Mark your calendars for these events and make plans to join us as we demand that the bankers and billionaires -- and their Republican handmaidens in government -- stop the attacks on working people and that they share in the sacrifice as our nation struggles to recover from the economic havoc their greed and malfeasance has caused.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2 -- 2 p.m. at Peace Arch Park in Blaine -- Please email Lori Province from the WSLC about mobilization efforts - lprovince@wslc.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 3 -- 6:30 p.m. at the Paramount Theatre in Seattle -- Join IATSE Local 15 for Solidarity Night at "Billy Elliott: The Musical." This is a Union production. No-host bar begins at 5:30 p.m. and the show starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets range from $26.30 to $56.90. For tickets or information, contact IATSE Local 15 at 206-441-1515 ext. 225 or stagerep@ia15.org.

MONDAY, APRIL 4 -- 5:30 - 7 p.m. at MLK Memorial Park in Seattle -- The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968, at 6:01 p.m. in Memphis, Tenn., where he was standing with sanitation workers demanding their dream of a better life. Join in this National Call to Action on April 4. This event, sponsored by the Communications Workers of America, will be at 2200 Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Seattle.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5 -- 10 a.m. at the Olympia-Rafah Mural -- Rally and march to the Captiol for working families. Rally will include speakers, music, workshops, and games and art supplies for the kids. Contact Teresa Mosqueda - tmosqueda@wslc.org

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6 -- Noon at the Capitol -- Washington Community Action Network will bring hundreds of community activists and students to Olympia in an attempt to find the sacrifices that the Legislature will make the bankers and billionaires pay to get us out of the economic crisis. Contact Jeff Ordower - jeff@washingtoncan.org

THURSDAY, APRIL 7 -- Time/precise location TBA -- Health care unions, led by SEIU District 1199NW, will mobilize health care workers in Olympia to demand that the Legislature fix the deficit problems and to look into the faces of the victims. Contact Jonathan Rosenblum - jonathanr@seiu199nw.org

FRIDAY, APRIL 8 -- Noon at the Capitol Steps -- This is the big one: a major Labor Rally at the Capitol in Olympia. Washington's working families are tired of being blamed and punished for the damage done by Wall Street banks and corporations. Join thousands of public- and private-sector workers from all trades as we stand together as one and demand that lawmakers PUT PEOPLE FIRST! We want good jobs, we want our rights, and we want them NOW!

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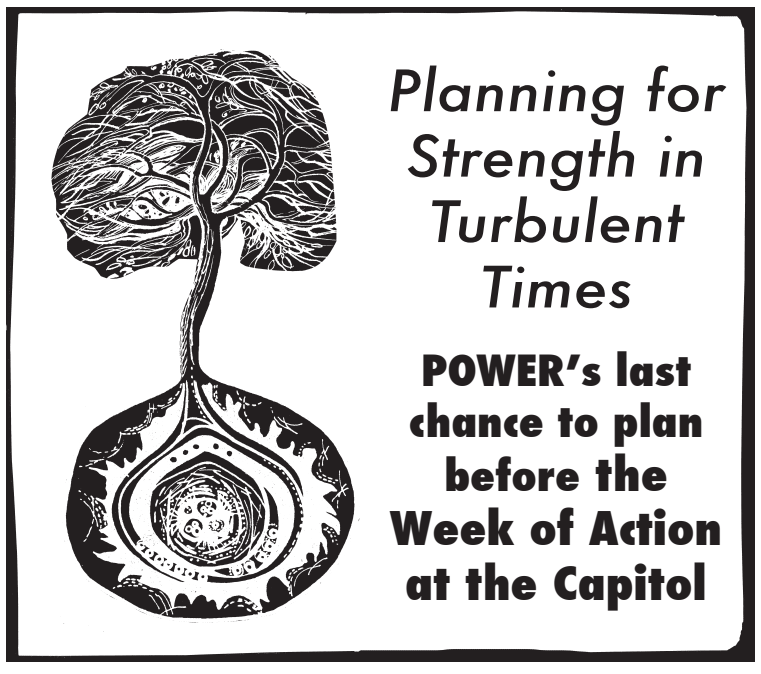
On the first Monday of every month, POWER (Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights) has a "POWER Outage": A gathering to do something special together with our community. Sometimes it's a training, discussion, or film screening.This month, join us for some plannin'!



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Wheelchair accessible. 211 5th Ave SE, across from the Capitol Theater. (Darby's will be closed for business but open for us!)

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Native Student Alliance calls for allyship and solidarity in regards to "Medicine Wheel Ceremony"

by Native Student Alliance, Evergreen State College

The Native Student Alliance serves Native students at the Evergreen State College through various cultural activities that respect and honor the diversity of our student body. We share a responsibility to the land, the people, and the cultures of this region and all of Turtle Island to protect our communities from racism and oppression. NSA is also committed to serving the wider community by building cross-cultural awareness and solidarity with Indigenous peoples.

Most people know that while Native Americans have had many victories in resisting colonial oppression, they have also endured much sorrow and loss. Such losses not only resonate in our modern lives, but the process of colonialism continues to this day. The Native American struggle is alive, though it has shifted in nature. A similar sense of entitlement held by the dominant society drives the usurpation of cultural property, as did the violent conquest of Turtle Island.

True cultural exchange occurs when both parties are on equal ground, but western culture continues to dominate Indigenous peoples. The U.S. has subjected every tribe to generations of assimilative policies that have weakened the social and cultural foundations of tribes. Only 32 years ago, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act granted tribal peoples the basic human right to practice their religious ceremonies without fear of persecution. Such an unequal power dynamic has not only left a painful history, but has put tribes at a disadvantage in economic development. Financial hardship and injured self-respect may spur some Native people to commodify and sell their culture to non-Native people.

Why shouldn't I be able to access whatever spiritual practice I want? For some, this mentality stems from a misplaced sense of entitlement in which Native peoples do not have the right to withhold their sacred ceremonies and traditions. For others, Native Americans are regarded as a vanishing or already extinct group. In an act of preserving the novelty of Native spirituality, they assume it is ok to appropriate. This approach is neither respectful, nor considerate; it is arrogant and patronizing.

Cultural appropriation is predicated on a fundamental disrespect for Native people—at best it is a silly misconception of what it is to be Native, and at worst it is an ultimate threat to our cultural survival. Native cultures are not only a set of cosmologies, but they are principled ways of being. Culture generates social supports, which are the strongest tool in facing dire circumstances within Native communities, such as epidemic youth suicide, substance abuse, and domestic violence. Meanwhile, non-Natives continue to justify taking ceremonies out of context and away from places where they are most needed.

We recognize that we are the descendants of survivors, the legatees of generational trauma and the children of struggle. We have a responsibility to our ancestors and future generations to defend our culture and empower our people. This means building solidarity with non-Native allies and educating our communities about Native cultural issues and concerns.

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Our organization has been forced to address an alarming set of circumstances on Evergreen's campus and in the Olympia community. We have experienced and witnessed:

Racist flyers for the "Pacific Northwest Medicine Wheel" promotional event: The images on the flyer blurred valued cultural distinctions by depicting stereotypical homogenized Native American figures that bear no resemblance to the actual people they are supposed to depict. The two Natives placed together (supposedly Sacagawea and Chief Sealth) never met and have no connection to one another. They are also depicted with their hands up in a stereotypical "How" gesture that so many non-Natives think is "Indian" for hello. Furthermore, there is an inaccurate placement of the buffalo and the mention of the "Medicine Wheel," both of which are highly sacred to the Plains Indian cultures, but not representative of the Coast Salish Indian cultures.

Desecration of the Longhouse: During the promotional event hosted and sponsored by an Evergreen student group known as Ancestral Wisdom, NSA took particular interest in the words of one speaker, Bennie "Blue Thunder" LeBeau, who claims to be a spiritual leader of the Eastern Shoshone Nation. During the event LeBeau expressed that the sacred and spiritual beliefs and practices of Native Americans should be freely known and used by all people. He claimed our valued cultural distinctions are the products of "bad energy" and promoted his vision of the dissolution of tribal identity. He articulated multiple instances of historical revisionism. For instance, he utterly mischaracterized the history and nature of the Sundance and the Ghost Dance. He stated that Native Americans need to get over the genocide and ensuing colonialism.

Disrespectful behavior by students: In another instance, NSA witnessed LeBeau leading a "ceremony" on the Evergreen campus, in which students were seen acting out stereotypical Native American vocalizations and dances.

Invitation of a suspected fraud onto campus: LeBeau has been given free reign to mislead our learning community and disrespect the Native American students by claiming his new age practices are rooted in Native spirituality. By combining religious activities of many different cultures and traditions with crystals, numerology and romanticized ideas of Native American practices, he makes a mockery of actual Native religions.

Lack of proper protocol and respect to the First Peoples of this land: To all things we are called upon as witnesses. Disregard for the People of this Place (all places) is an offense to the Spirits, to the Ancestors, causing suffering to First People. The protocol of inter-tribal relationships is that First People are the primary concern in all that is done. Speaking our intention and seeking permission is the beginning place of true respect. This homeland is theirs and we "others" are the visitors. Every grain of sand, every tree, every wave that washes upon the shores carries the cultural appropriateness or spirit of this place.

The primary instrument of genocide and assimilation has been the use of exclusiveness in the decision making process. We can never right a wrong, but we can change behaviors. What invaded and settled upon this land was economic and spiritual dominance, what we have come to know as Colonization. And injury persists through the process of Colonization (of the mind) stripping away consciousness: we have no rights except that which First Nations grant. And furthermore, legitimate behaviors are blessed by the Elders of Indigenous Peoples. We petition the wisdom and blessings of the Elders so not to offend the spirits and create situations that may be furthering and aiding cultural misappropriation of First Nations/Indigenous Peoples. The organizers have not adhered to protocol in forging ahead with this event.

Lack of good faith in reconciliation attempts: Organizers of the Pacific Northwest Medicine Wheel have projected a façade of good will and intent while paying lip service to necessary protocols that include seeking counsel from respected elders and other Native community members. The result has restricted cross-cultural communication and understanding, ruled out the support and respect of actual indigenous communities, and complicated possibilities for reconciliation. This leads us to believe that the organizers have no intention to alter and cease the event if advised to do so, and have set the stage for on-going offenses.

We challenge the student organization, Ancestral Wisdom, to listen, rethink their notions of peace and harmony, and act in solidarity with actual Native communities.

We call on Student Activities, the Evergreen Administration, and all faculty and staff members to take measures to disassociate our school from Bennie LeBeau, aka "Blue Thunder" and The Pacific Northwest Medicine Wheel ceremony.

We call on the wider community to learn more about this ceremony's legitimacy before choosing to participate.

We call on our allies to educate other people in our community, who may not be aware of the insidious nature of this event.

THE NATIVE STUDENT ALLIANCE STANCE ON THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST MEDICINE WHEEL CEREMONY

Who is NSA? The Native Student Alliance creates solidarity among Native peoples from all nations while providing a network of support for its members, who are both students and non-students. The NSA dedicates itself to allying with non-Native peoples and to further the cross-cultural understandings in order to provide a safe and respectful environment.

What is our stance on the PNW Medicine Wheel Ceremony and its organizers?

Recently there has been a large wave of support for the PNW Medicine Wheel Ceremony in the Evergreen and greater Olympia communities. The NSA's encounters with its figurehead, Bennie "Blue Thunder" LeBeau, his co-sponsors, and supporters have been dismissive and their actions continue to be disrespectful. NSA does not approve of the upcoming ceremony for the following reasons:

It is allegedly a Native-themed event but is a distortion of authentic Native practices.

- Its lead organizer "Blue Thunder" has admitted to not being respected by Native Communities; he is suspected of being fraudulent and illegitimate.
- "Blue Thunder" asks for money donations, which is seen by many Native communities as sacrilegious.
- It intrudes into the Salish Sea territory while targeting a "New Age" audience, which in turn excludes Native Communities.
- It has not been legitimized by the Elders and guardians of all the Nations affected by this ceremony.

It perpetuates stereotypes and misconceptions of Native Peoples and Cultures.

- It continues the romanticized idea of all Native cultures being homogenous.
- It has been promoted in posters that stereotype Chief Sealth and Sacagawea in a clip-art fashion while depicting them in a cliché greeting of "HOW," which does not mean "hello."
- NSA witnessed supporters acting out "Indian dances" through bird-imitations and shouting stereotypical "war whoops" and other degrading and derogatory utterances.
- Some of these incidents of racist/stereotypical actions were performed in the Evergreen Longhouse, a place of cultural significance for Native people and the larger community.

It is rationalized through an insensitive and detached perspective, which does not take into consideration everything Native people have been through.

- Supporters of the "Medicine Wheel" event have attacked NSA for standing up for our rights.
- An essential aspect calls for Native Peoples to "get over" the genocide, cultural eradication, thefts and crimes so "we" can move on.

We of the NSA do not oppose bringing communities and different cultures together; we oppose the misguided approach these organizers have taken in doing so. The intent behind this event may be pure but its actions are creating the opposite effect. There is a difference between voluntary sharing of culture and this imposition that has been placed upon us. In the context of this discussion, we feel we are subjected to racist and anti-Indian aggression, and are responding as such. Moreover, we view the defense of our cultures and traditions as the defense of our survival as Native people in the face of physical, cultural and spiritual genocide. The Native Student Alliance stands in unanimous and staunch opposition to the PNW Medicine Wheel Event. We also reject the anti-indigenous discourse and conduct from its leaders and supporters. We condemn the actions, not the individuals or spirits; we are ready to enter into a reconciliation process. We challenge the supporters of the event to heed our call, rethink and to move towards allyship. Furthermore, we send a message of profound gratitude to those allies who have heard our call and supported us with their words and actions.

Last month, *Works In Progress* regretfully printed a listing for the "Medicine Wheel" event on our announcements page. Although nobody expressed offense toward *WIP* in particular, our Anti-Discrimination Clause (printed on page 2) reads in part: "If and when we should make a mistake in this regard, we expect to acknowledge it and to express regret for injury or insult given."

In accordance with this policy, and in the spirit of solidarity with anti-oppression struggle, we wish to express our sincere regret to our readers and to the community at large for any harm or insult we may have caused.

Lessons from COINTELPRO

by Peter Bohmer

[Adapted from a speech given at the Forum on FBI repression, organized by the Jericho Movement, with Kent Ford and Arthur Miller at Portland State University, March 12, 2011.]

I have been asked to share my experiences and knowledge of government repression with you tonight, not to scare you, but so that we can deal with it and build stronger and more effective movements today for social and economic justice, locally, nationally and globally. I want to thank Adam Carpinelli and the Jericho Movement for organizing this event.

First a few general comments: We live in a society that is very unequal and is growing more so. Officially, more than 40 million are below the official poverty line, and 14 million are officially unemployed. Another 12-15 million have given up looking or are working part-time and want to work full-time. Unemployment rates for Blacks are twice that for whites. Millions have lost their homes; 50 million people have no health insurance. Access to quality and affordable higher education is being taken away. Even more criminal is the 2 million plus people the government has imprisoned, almost 1 million of whom are African-American and 400,000 are Latino/a. Globally, we see a similar trend with more of the income and wealth concentrated in a few hands, hunger and poverty rampant with less and less public services such as affordable education and healthcare. The environment is truly at risk.

Private sector unions have been greatly weakened by a 30-year corporate offensive. The Republican Party, along with most of corporate America, is now set to destroy unions of government workers and to privatize the public sector. It is not all gloom and doom. What is very inspiring, whether we are talking about Wisconsin, Egypt, Tunisia, Libya and many other places is that people are standing up, losing their fear and changing the world in profound ways. We are living in a world historic moment, rebellion is in the air—I urge you all to become even more a part of this global uprising.

What is happening today in some ways reminds me of the global uprisings in the 1960's, in Vietnam, France, Mexico, U.S., etc. Many of the gains that were won in the 1960's in the U.S. (such as the growing number of low income students, black, Latino/a, Asian-American but also working class whites in universities, growth in college scholarships, reductions in police brutality, better health and safety on the job, medical care for retired people, reductions in poverty, civil rights, ending the U.S. war against Vietnam) did not come from great Presidents but from people organizing and putting their bodies on the line demanding change. The response by those in power was to meet some of the demands, e.g., the end of legal discrimination but not the end of poverty, but also to repress and attack in different ways individuals and movements working for reformist and fundamental change in the society. This is not to say that we did not make some mistakes or that repression was the only cause of the decline of many of these movements but that it was a major factor. I also do not want to romanticize the 60's and 70's—there were many courageous people who accomplished a lot, but most people were not activists. It is at least as pressing today for building movements that link the struggles against U.S. militarism and the occupation of Iraq, Afghanistan with struggles for global justice, and for economic and labor and social and gender and racial justice for ending poverty and for immigrant rights and taxing the wealthy and against budget cutbacks and repression. By sharing knowledge of the past we can make our groups, and movements much stronger today. Much organizing is already happening, but we all have a responsibility to learn more about what is going on and act in ways small and big, individually and collectively to create a world based on meeting human needs rather than on serving the profits of the multinational corporations and their wealthy leaders. This is a difficult but very exciting time to be alive, globally and nationally.

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Let me turn to my experience with the FBI and government repression.

I participated actively in the anti-war movement and student organizing and student movements in the Boston area in the late 1960's. I spent 45 days in jail for this. I moved to San Diego in fall, 1970 to teach Economics at San Diego State University (SDSU). I was very active there against the Vietnam War, on and off campus, and in community organizing. Death threats, heavy surveillance and arrests on false charges against me began in spring 1971. Harassment escalated in the summer and fall of 1971—particularly after the Republican Convention announced it would be in then President, Richard Nixon's favorite city, San Diego in the summer of 1972.

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The effort to fire me from my job as an assistant professor of economics at SDSU intensified in 1971-1972. The FBI visited my employer, and there was complicity on the part of Governor Ronald Reagan in openly political charges against me such as that I gave preference for admission into my classes to women and students of color. After three lengthy hearings that all ruled in my favor, and in spite of very large demonstrations supporting me, the State University system still fired me although I was voted best teacher by students at San Diego State University. Even the conservative American Economics Association ruled it was a case of political discrimination and yet after a lengthy court case, the California Supreme Court ruled that San Diego State University did not have to restore my faculty position.

In the early 1970's, in spite of repression, there was a strong movement against the Vietnam War, with a growing involvement of active duty and ex-military, and a strong Chicano movement both on campuses such as the local MEChA's, and farmworker support and in the barrios. There was also a strong Black movement at San Diego State with many ex-prisoners, who had been politicized in prison playing an important role. There was a San Diego based movement that I was part of, planning protests for the August 1972 scheduled Republican convention. We were planning massive non-violent direct action plus a lot of educating about struggles throughout the world. Because of this organizing, Nixon eventually moved the convention to Miami. He claimed it wasn't because of the planned protests although that was *definitely* the reason. **Those in power will never admit that resistance and protest can lead to victories for those protesting, but it does.** Remember this when you question whether active protest and resistance is futile.

All of the tactics that became identified as COINTELPRO, were used against us. I will focus on what happened to me, but I was part of a larger movement that faced these attacks. For example, all that happened to me also happened to the Brown Berets, a national Chicano group committed to Chicano rights and self-determination, which had a San Diego chapter. In my case, it involved coordination between the FBI, Nixon's Watergate team who broke into the Democratic Party headquarters at the Watergate Hotel in D.C., San Diego police and sheriffs and a fascist group funded by and closely working with the San Diego FBI office, the Secret Army Organization (SAO).

First, a few words about COINTELPRO. It is short for "Counterintelligence Program." COINTELPRO was/is a program coordinated by the FBI to "expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit or otherwise neutralize" individuals and groups. It supposedly started in 1968 and ended in April 1971 after it was exposed through people liberating FBI files in Media, PA. Although COINTELPRO officially ended in 1971, it continued (in a somewhat less extreme form) without the name up to September 11, 2001. Since then we are going backwards towards more police powers, infiltration and framing of activists. Much of the Patriot Act and the increased power being given to the FBI legalizes COINTELPRO-like tactics, whose primary target today is the Arab-American and Muslim communities, but it also provides weapons to be used against all those working for social change, such as with the raids in Chicago and Minneapolis against solidarity activists in fall, 2010.

A common tactic in the 1970's was calling people before a grand jury for supposed knowledge of a crime and then asking them to name the meetings they attended, other attendees, discussions etc. If people refused to testify, they were offered immunity, and if they continued to refuse to give names, to snitch, they were given contempt of court and often had to serve for the length of the grand jury—sometimes a year or even longer. They are again repeating this repressive tactic. It is important that people do not talk and do not cooperate with these grand jury fishing expeditions. They want to destroy our solidarity. We need to support our comrades called before grand juries.

Brian Glick, in his excellent pamphlet, "War at Home" on COINTELPRO, focuses on four methods used against U.S. activists. I will give a few examples from my own experience.

1. **Infiltrate groups**—Although no group I worked with in San Diego planned or carried out any violent actions, and many groups were purely educational, 20 people I knew in these groups turned out to be police or FBI agents or informers, and many worked for both. They worked hard to cause divisions among individuals and groups. Some but not all were provocateurs.

2. **Psychological warfare**—the FBI visited my employer, San Diego State University to get me fired, they visited landlords where I lived to get us evicted. They opened my mail, and monitored my checking accounts. We got anonymous phone calls about people being agents who I am sure weren't. Don't call someone a snitch or agent or informant without being sure.

3. **Harassment through the legal system**—There were many, many arrests. I usually beat the charges, but a lot of time and energy was spent defending myself. One example where I didn't beat the charges, but was innocent, was in 1973. My friend and fellow activist Pete Mahone and I were sentenced to 90 days in Chino State Prison for obstructing a train transporting Vietnam War supplies, based on the false testimony of four undercover police sheriffs who had infiltrated various progressive groups.

4. **State sponsored violence**—The FBI sponsored groups which did firebombings, slashed tires of my cars, issued continual death threats, and put out a wanted poster on me distributed in San Diego in late 1971 and early 1972. The Secret Army Organization, a group financed from FBI funds and led by an FBI informant, shot into a collective I lived in, with the bullet permanently injuring a member of the collective, Paula Tharp, in January, 1972.

Howard Barry Godfrey, a well-paid FBI informant and head of the Secret Army Organization (SAO) admitted almost a year later in court to driving the car the night of the shooting but claimed another SAO member did the actual shooting. After the shooting, other FBI agents in San Diego covered up the crime and hid the evidence, such as the gun used in the shooting. The head of the FBI in LA, working with SD FBI, at that time was Richard W. Held who has been involved

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—Candidate Obama in 2007
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Corporate media misreporting on violence in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

by Linda Frank

Recently, there's been widespread media coverage of the horrible murder of a Jewish family in the Occupied West Bank settlement of Itamar. The reportage of the tragedy is revealing a lot about what's happening in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. It is also illustrating how the murders of Palestinians, including Palestinian children, once again goes missing from mainstream corporate media coverage of the conflict.

First, some of what is being revealed is that the murder in Itamar is being exploited to foster more illegal settlement activity in the Occupied West Bank and Occupied East Jerusalem. According to Israeli press, Israel's chief Ashkenazi rabbi, Yona Metzger, said "Itamar needs to become a major city in Israel as a response to this murder." Metzger is the same government funded rabbi, who with his Sephardic counterpart, failed to condemn the disturbing 2010 book "King's Torah" that states that babies and children of Israel's enemies may be killed. "King's Torah" was written by two extremist rabbis of the West Bank settlement of Yitzhar. Knesset Speaker Reuven Rivlin called for Israel to "build more [settlements]...that is our response to the murders, so that they know – they can't defeat us." Ruth Fogel's father was quoted as having said: "Our children are prepared to be sacrificed as an offering at the altar we have to continue to build to bring redemption. Udi and Ruthie wanted this redemption." [*CNN*]

But Motti Fogel, brother of the slain father Udi, decried the political manipulation of the murder of members of his family: "All the slogans about Torah and settlement, the Land of Israel and the people of Israel are attempts to forget the simple and pain-torn fact: you are dead. You are dead, and no slogan will bring you back. You are not a symbol or a national event. Your life was a purpose in and of itself, and it should be forbidden for your terrible death to turn your life into some sort of tool." [*Ha'aretz*]

It is important to note that all of Israel's settlement building in the Occupied West Bank and Occupied East Jerusalem is considered illegal under the Fourth Geneva Convention that was written in the wake of the Nazi Holocaust to help protect civilians. Most of the world, including the United States, considers Israel's settlements illegal. However, the Obama Administration recently caved in to pressure by the Israel lobby to veto a UN Security Council Resolution that condemned Israel's settlement enterprise as illegal. (The US has a long history of shielding Israel from accountability to international law through similar vetoes).

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On the *New York Times*'website was an Associated Press article falsely claiming: "The bloodshed, *[which] shattered a lengthy lull in the West Bank....*" A Tacoma newspaper reprinted a similar false statement originating from an *LA Times* article that went even further by claiming that prior to the murder in Itamar settlement, there had been a "lull" in deadly violence not just in the West Bank, but "*in the Palestinian Territories* (which would include Occupied Gaza and Occupied East Jerusalem).

The reality is, there has been no "lengthy lull" in deadly violence against Palestinians, not in the West Bank, and especially not in the "*Palestinian Territories*" overall.

In the last week in January 2011, two Palestinian boys were murdered by settlers. You can read about their murders in the report by Palestinian Centre for Human Rights, for the week of Jan. 27 – Feb 02:

"In the West Bank, two Palestinian civilians, including a child, were killed and a third one wounded by Israeli settler. An 18-year-old civilian was killed by an Israeli settler in Iraq Bourin village, south of Nablus, on 27 January 2011. The victim was farming his land when the settlers shot him dead.

"The second victim, who is a 15-year-old child, was killed by Israeli settlers from 'Beit Ain' settlement who broke into Safa village, north of Hebron, and fired at Palestinian civilians. Another civilian was also wounded."

In early January 2011, Jawaher Abu Rahman was killed by tear gas in the village of Bil'in, where Israel's separation wall is cutting the village off from a large chunk of its most arable land. Jawaher's brother, Bassem, was murdered by Israeli forces a year and a half earlier, also in Bil'in, and also from tear gas -- though his fatality came from a high-velocity tear gas canister fired directly at his chest as he stood on a hill in the wake of one of the village's weekly protests.

These are just a few examples of very recent "deadly violence" against Palestinians in the West Bank. There are others. And it would be nearly impossible to read any of the weekly reports by the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR) and not see settler violence as well as Israeli military violence against Palestinians, especially since settlers launched their "price tag" policy against Palestinians in an effort to stop the Israeli government from dismantling new settler outposts.

The deadly violence I cite above that belies the claim to a "lull in violence" is that which occurred just in the Occupied *West Bank*. When you add to the picture the deadly violence against Palestinians in Gaza, the numbers rise significantly. Twenty-four civilians were killed in Gaza last year by Israeli Occupation Forces. And then there is deadly violence inherent in Israel's siege of Gaza that locks 1.5 million Palestinians into the tiny enclave. Hundreds of Palestinians have died because they were denied egress from Gaza for critical medical treatment. Israel's blockade of vital construction material and replacement parts for water treatment has resulted in only 5% of Gaza's water being potable. Babies are born regularly with "Blue Baby Syndrome" and kidneys fail on a regular basis. Regular shooting at civilians in the buffer zone in Gaza that Israel created, which apparently changes in number of meters depending on which Israeli soldiers are on duty, has resulted in several fatalities. One of those last year was a mother of five shot dead as she went to check on her two-year-old outside their home near the buffer zone.

What are we to conclude from this missing reportage? Is deadly violence against Palestinians less newsworthy than deadly violence against Israelis? Could the media really mean to convey that Israeli life is worth more than Palestinian life? This is so very disrespectful. And dangerous.

The under-reportage and lack of reportage of Palestinian deaths is problematic, not just in and of itself, but because it also feeds a mythology that Israel is the victim. The reality is that Israel is the oppressor. Israel is the perpetrator of: illegal occupation found to contain elements of colonialism and apartheid; illegal siege; decades of dispossession; and, true to definition, ethnic cleansing. It also creates a false impression that Palestinians are more violent than

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Oregon leads the way in moving mental health recovery forward

by Marcia Meyers

On Thursday, Feb. 10, over 450 citizens gathered at the First Unitarian Church in downtown Portland to explore "Rethinking Psychiatric Care: Moving Mental Health Recovery Forward." Many of those in attendance were there due to their concerns about the over-use of medications in mental health treatment. This event was followed by a two day conference in Portland, "Medication Optimization Symposium in the Service of Recovery" in which 54 psychiatrists and policy makers from 13 states met to begin developing "medication optimization" protocols and national and state policy reforms to help improve mental health care outcomes. Two days of discussion cited that the preponderance of research indicates that while medication works well for some people, many people who are diagnosed with bipolar, schizophrenia, and depressive disorders are not served well by medications over the long term.

Both of these events were seen as historic by those advocating for a more hopeful, effective and holistic model of mental health care than our current biological, broken brain, pharmaceutical model. Long time mental health rights advocate and founder of 25 year old MindFreedom International, David Oaks stated in reference to the Feb. 10 event, "Never in the history of Oregon have so many people gathered in recognition and support of a more effective and more humane system of mental health care." In respect to the significance of the two day conference, Gina Nikkel, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs and Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Oregon Health Sciences University stated, "Attendees were clear that our systems of mental health care have become too medication focused, and it's time for a broader approach. History will show that this national shift began this weekend in Portland, Oregon."

Whitaker's findings suggest that rather than helping those with mental health problems, the ever-changing psychiatric drugs could actually be causing an explosion in mental illness.

Award-winning medical journalist Robert Whitaker presented at both of these events, as his new book *Anatomy of an Epidemic: Magic Bullets, Psychiatric Drugs and the Amazing Rise of Mental Illness in America*, provided the catalyst for both. Based on a very comprehensive search of the medical and scientific research from the 1940's until 2009, Whitaker found a great gulf between the story of the success of psychiatric medication in curing so-called chemical imbalances in the brain, a story that most Americans have grown to accept, and the research which shows that most often those on long-term psychiatric medication fare worse than those who have not been medicated or who have only been medicated for a short time.

Whitaker's findings point to the very strong possibility that rather than actually helping those with mental health problems, the ever-changing, new and improved psychiatric drugs could actually be causing an explosion in mental illness. There are many very disturbing questions that seem to support this concern, such as:

• If "wonder drugs" like Prozac are really helping people, why has the number of Americans on government disability due to mental illness skyrocketed from 1.25 million in 1987 to over 4 million today?

• If the mental health drugs we as a society have been inundated with since the 1950's are really working, why is it that every day 850 adults and 250 children diagnosed as mentally ill are added to the government disability rolls, and why are more children, especially children of color, at an ever earlier age being diagnosed and medicated as mentally ill?

Whitaker advocates for an evidence-based model of care that is focused on long-term outcomes. "Our current system is extraordinarily expensive both financially and in the long-term damage it does to those afflicted with psychiatric disturbances," stated Whitaker. "The truth of the matter is we cannot afford the current system, either financially of morally."

Anatomy of an Epidemic is the first book to investigate the long-term outcomes of patients treated with psychiatric drugs. As both peer led mental health recovery groups and mental health experts acknowledge their extreme concern for the effectiveness of the biological psychiatric model of mental health care that dominates our society, *Anatomy of an Epidemic* is stirring national and international concern about the multinational, multibillion dollar pharmaceutical industry's role in perpetuating this model. The building of the momentum for changing this model to a more effective, holistic, humane and hopeful model is happening right here in Oregon. We are once again leading the way!

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SPEAKERS

Sharif Abdel Kouddous: *Democracy Now!* senior producer who is back from Egypt after several weeks reporting on the uprising against Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and his regime.

Melissa Franklin: Member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma who co-organized the first Indigenous Youth Delegation to Palestine in the summer of 2009.

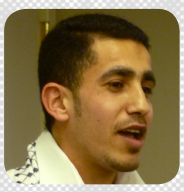
Ziad Abbas: Palestinian refugee from Dheisheh Refugee camp in the West Bank who is the Associate Director of the Middle East Children's Alliance in Berkeley.

Dr. Nada Elia: Palestinian organizer with INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence, and serves on the national coordinating committee of the U.S. Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel.

Dr. Dalit Baum: Israeli activist and member of the Coalition of Women for Peace in Israel and founder of *Who Profits from the Occupation*.

Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb: Member of the advisory and Rabbinic council of Jewish Voice for Peace and leads delegations to Israel, Palestine, and Iran with the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Noura Erakat: Palestinian human rights attorney and activist who is the Legal Advocacy Coordinator for the Badil Center for Palestinian Refugee and Residency Rights.



Abedalhadi Basheer: Founder of *Volunteers Without Borders,* current PhD Candidate at WSU in Cultural Studies from Deir El-Balah refugee camp, Gaza Strip.

Gabriel Teodros: Northwest Hip Hop emcee, teaching artist, DJ and organizer. His 2007 album *Lovework* received international acclaim.

Additional speakers and workshop presenters from the Olympia Rafah Mural Project, Al-Qaws, TESC Divest, Middle East Children's Alliance, Hampshire College Students for Justice in Palestine, Olympia BDS, Philly BDS, Canaan Fair Trade, International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network, Jewish Voice for Peace, UC Berkeley Students for Justice in Palestine, Adalah NY, and WA Physicians for Social Responsibility.

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Every month, *WIP* reprints a relevant article from its 20 year history, or a new article on a historical topic. This month, as the world continues to react to the horrific partial meltdown at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant brought on by the 9.0 magnitude earthquake in Japan, we reflect on our own local nuclear fiasco.

WIP HISTORY

Hanford

The media's role in the history and legacy of the nuclear industry

by Solveig Torvik,
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Among the first human footprints left in the sands of the high, dry desert of Southeastern Idaho were those of Sacajawea's people, the Shoshones. They trod lightly on the land, and made their home in the Lemhi mountains on the northern edge of this windswept plain. Under immense, open skies, they ranged south throughout the arid plateau bounded by the Snake River on its curving sweep through the lava beds, sagebrush and tumbleweeds of southern Idaho.

Their little-understood legacy would become a haunting one: Sacajawea helped bring explorers Lewis and Clark to the Pacific; she thus abetted the opening of the West to white settlers. But her people's voice would cry out on behalf of the land that settlers tamed and tilled.

The second footprints followed the wagon ruts of the Oregon Trail as settlers crossed the southeastern corner of Idaho enroute to the Pacific through Fort Hall, where Shoshones were to be confined on a reservation. Some settlers stopped here to create Pocatello, Blackfoot and Idaho Falls. They dammed the Snake to water the Shoshone's desert; shimmering, wild vistas of sagebrush and sand blossomed into orderly, lush green rows of potatoes and sugar beets. Hardy pioneer legacies such as this one have defined our popular image of the west.

The third set of arrivals left their footprints under the Earth, not on top of it. They burrowed themselves deep into the Shoshones' desert, and there they built secret, fearful devices hitherto unknown to man and spoke a language understandable only to themselves.

They were nuclear scientists. Their legacy was the Atomic West.

The class excursion most nervously anticipated by my classmates at Blackfoot High School in the mid-1950s was our tour of the top-secret Atomic Energy Commission's installation 40 miles west in the Arco desert.

As our buses pulled into "The Site," as we called what is now the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, we could see little to justify the mystique the place provoked in our imaginations; few big buildings were visible. The real work, we were informed, was done underground: that's where the experimental nuclear reactors were kept.

According to Col. Matthias, "No one knew how much of the radiation would stay present." Historians, frustrated by continuing government secrecy, are still chasing an elusive paper trail to document that assertion for themselves.

Elevators lowered us down into claustrophobic laboratories where unsmiling men in white coats tried to demystify the atom. I well remember the spellbound anxiety with which we watched a scientist at the window of a "glove box" remotely manipulating from outside a tightly sealed chamber something radioactive on the other side, something that clearly was not to be trifled with.

We viewed these men with awe. We knew they stood at the pinnacle of human knowledge; they were the high priests of science. By mastering the secret of the atom, they had assured America's freedom, we were told. And if we applied ourselves, we too might become part of this elite.

That it was an elite, none of us doubted. Our community of 8,000 mostly Mormon souls, many of them workers bused (drinking and gambling enroute, we now learn) to and from the site each day, was inclined to trust authority. So we trusted as well in the wisdom and integrity of the AEC. We understood that something dangerous was going on out there in the sagebrush, but it never occurred to us that this vital task was in anything but the ablest, most responsible of hands.

Half a century later, townsfolk near the site would learn that these scientists, acting at the behest of their government, had subjected them to exposure to hundreds of thousands of curies of airborne radioactivity, that their experiments had contaminated water supplies with radioactive particles and peppered the soils with radionuclides whose dangerous properties will last for millennia.

This sore betrayal of public trust by a nuclear priesthood in Southeastern Idaho is a story that has been replicated all over the West. It's an emerging, wrenching theme of the Atomic West, as historians now are beginning to call it.

This 50-year old story, ignored by most historians or hidden from their view by a self-imposed ethnocentric Eastern bias as much as by government machinations, is a sobering one.

It's a story of abdication of responsibility, willful deceit, misuse of power and human blindness. And it's a story of immense costs to be borne by 400 generations of citizens who will pay the price for the folly perpetrated in secret in the deserts of the west. It's also the story of unparalleled technological accomplishment.

From the Tri-Cities' Hanford to Denver's Rocky Flats, from New Mexico's Trinity site and Los Alamos laboratories to California's Livermore labs, from Nevada's Proving Ground and Yucca Mountain Repository to Utahans poisoned by atomic fallout and sickened in uranium mines, from Oregonians along the Columbia River coping with Hanford's waterborne atomic waste to Texans worrying over their Pantex nuclear bomb plant, we westerners and the people who write our history are learning painful facts that dramatically redefine the West and our role in it.

Many people in the Tri-Cities, for example, will not like reading what Stanley Goldberg, biographer of Maj. Gen. Leslie Groves, head of the Manhattan Project, concludes after studying records long kept from public view.

The community that built the first atomic bomb has always taken great patriotic pride in its handiwork because the bomb, they believe, saved lives by shortening the war. They have always been told that only the humanitarian need to shorten the war drove that frenzied effort to perfect it.

But Goldberg arrived at a radically different version of history after examining the records, he recently told the audience at the first conference devoted to documenting the history of the Atomic West sponsored by the University of Washington's new Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest.

"We were intent on making sure the bomb was used before the war ended," Goldberg said. "They were scared to death it would end before they could use it."

Goldberg contended that for Groves, "ending the war with the bomb was a necessity." Too much money, ambition, hubris and political capital had been invested to let the war end without testing the bomb on the Japanese.

He makes his awful case based in part on evidence of the "speedup" that occurred early in 1945, when nuclear materials were pushed through the pipeline at Hanford by taking increasingly risky shortcuts. Billets from which plutonium eventually was extracted normally took 120 days to cool before the next processing step. But that time was shortened to 60 days and then 19 days.

Five kilos of plutonium were needed for each bomb. By July of 1945 - the war in Europe had ended and all energies now were concentrated on the war in the Pacific - Hanford was producing enough plutonium that "Groves scheduled a drop on Japan every 10 days during the month of October," Goldberg said.

One of the few top people still alive who were present at the creation of Hanford is Col. Franklin T. Matthias, who chose Hanford for Groves from an airplane on a flight out of Yakima. Matthias, under orders to find a place with ample water, power and few people - "virtually uninhabited," in the much-loved phrase of Eastern officialdom - told the audience that "We knew there was no power anyplace but the West."

Echoing the epiphany of Mormon leader Brigham Young upon first beholding the barren Salt Lake Valley in 1847, Matthias said: "When I saw it, I knew it was the place." He became the Army's top representative at Hanford, which could not be built until a number of "virtual uninhabitants" had been removed from their farms.

Asked after his presentation by this writer to explain what discussions had taken place in those early days to deal with the dangerous nuclear waste that was a byproduct of bomb making and which now poses a massive cleanup task, Matthias answered: "I don't think we had the right to interfere with getting this material out." He added that "No one knew how much of the radiation would stay present." Historians, frustrated by continuing government secrecy, are still chasing an elusive paper trail to

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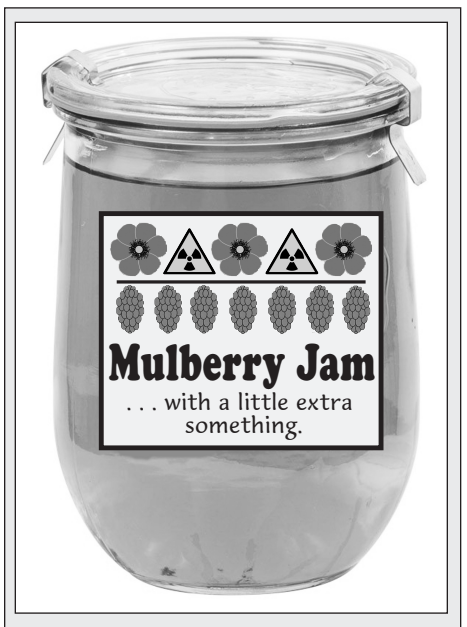
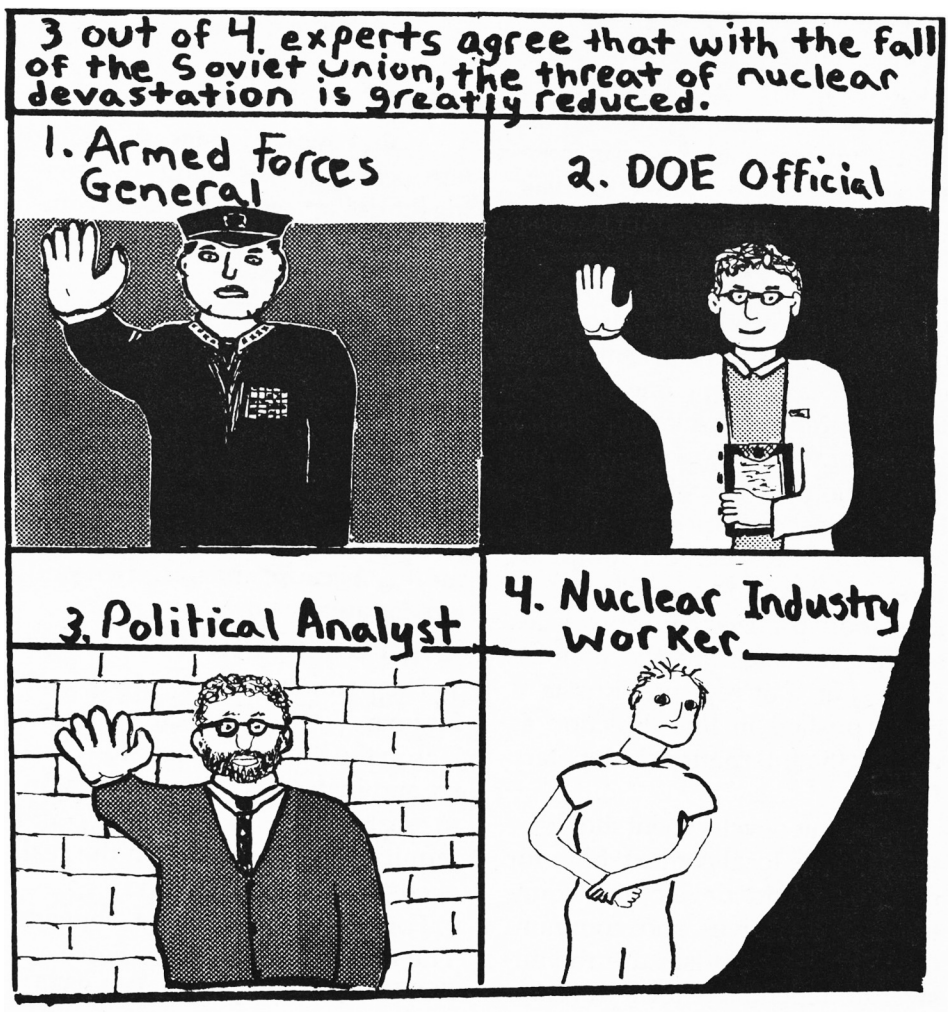


In 1990, Norm Buske, an anti-nuclear scientist, picked mulberries off of land around the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. The berries were contaminated with Strontium 90. From those berries, he produced a batch of radioactive Hanford mulberry jam. Buske mailed two jars of the jam, tightly sealed and heavily labeled, to then-Governor Booth Gardner, and then-Secretary of Energy James Watkins.


3 out of 4 experts agree that with the fall of the Soviet Union, the threat of nuclear devastation is greatly reduced.
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2. DOE Official
3. Political Analyst
4. Nuclear Industry Worker

Comic by Pat Tassoni - Originally printed in the January 1993 *Works In Progress*

What does Corporate Personhood have to do with bottled water and water privatization?

by Dave Zink

(Adapted from articles from Food & Water Watch)

Transnational corporations like Coca-Cola, PepsiCo, and Nestlé are working overtime to seize control of public water resources from cash-strapped cities and towns.

Right now, private water corporations are lining their pockets by buying up America's public water systems, fighting urgently needed infrastructure upgrades, and by spreading falsehoods and baseless fears about the safety of your tap water.

As a result, the price of water—a shared resource—is skyrocketing, many municipal water systems are crumbling, and more and more Americans are shelling out big bucks for bottled water because they've been sold on the myth of its higher quality, safety, and health.

Why? Bottled water is big business. The companies that sell it have gone to great lengths to undermine confidence in America's drinking water systems. Simply put, public doubt about the safety of tap water means more bottled water sales.

What does a city get when it gives up control of its water supply to a profit-driven company?

- After taking over a municipal water system, water companies aggressively hike water rates by an average of about 10 percent a year, adding hundreds of dollars onto the typical annual household bill.
- Service calls that take months to answer
- Poor water quality that endangers public safety
- Environmental damage
- Bribery and corruption

Is bottled water safer?

Despite the marketing hype, bottled water is not safer than tap water. In fact, tap water is subject to more stringent regulation than bottled water. Tap water is regulated by the EPA, while bottled water is regulated by the Food and Drug Administration. Perpetually under-funded and short-staffed, the FDA has a poor record of protecting consumer health and safety. The FDA sends inspectors to bottling plants once every two to three years.

Federal, state, and local environmental agencies require rigorous testing of tap water safety and make test results available to the public. Not so with bottled water.

Independent testing conducted by the Environmental Working Group in 2008 of 10 different popular brands of bottled water purchased from grocery stores and other retailers in 9 states and the District of Columbia, found 38 contaminants, with an average of 8 contaminants in each brand.

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Over the past decade, an increasing share of the bottled water sold in the United States is coming from municipal water supplies. Categorized as "purified" by the bottled water industry, bottling companies purchase municipal tap water, put it through a filtration process, bottle it, and then sell it back to consumers for hundreds to thousands of times the cost.

Is bottled water healthier?

Americans spent $10.6 billion on bottled water in 2009 and paid up to 1,000 times the cost of tap water, mostly because they think it's somehow safer or better than tap water. It's not.

Plastic bottles leach harmful chemicals into bottled water that may cause cancer, birth defects, and developmental problems in children and babies.

The trend of water corporations increasingly turning to tap water sources for bottling threatens our public water resources and is a bad deal for consumers who pay much more for a product they can get from the tap. And, water bottlers are increasingly using aging water treatment systems that are funded by taxpayer dollars — another raw deal for citizens.

Bottled water is bad for the environment

Bottled water production in the United States used the energy equivalent of 32 and 54 million barrels of oil to produce and transport plastic water bottles in 2007—enough to fuel about 1.5 million cars for a year. Rather than being recycled, about 90 percent of the empty plastic bottles end up in landfills, lakes, streams, and oceans, where they may never fully decompose.

America's water belongs to We, the People—all of us. But water companies are not only privatizing the commons, they are emptying the nation's aquifers and underground water sources for their own profit.

The Bottled Water Industry Creates Jobs?

The $60 billion global bottled water industry has grown rapidly in recent years. To keep up with the expanding market, corporations are looking for new water sources. Once they identify good or easy targets, they come into communities, bottle their water, slap a corporate logo on it and sell it to stores across the country. The profits are great and the resource is cheap. The corporations benefit. The communities don't.

Why would any town go along with such a bad proposal? Because corporations promise to promote economic development by creating jobs – a prospect that is understandably alluring for many economically depressed areas.

But public officials should think twice before buying into corporate claims of job creation. In reality, bottling water creates relatively few new jobs for community members. What's more, the jobs the industry does create are usually low-paying and dangerous.

Fact 1: Bottled water plants bring few jobs.

Overall, bottled water facilities employ few people. In 2006, the 628 water-bottling plants in the USA employed fewer than 15,000 people, so each plant averaged only around 24 employees.

A typical bottled water plant with 24 workers will employ between two and 10 local residents. This is a far cry from what towns expect when they sign away control of their water to corporate interests.

Fact 2: Bottled water plants bring low-wage jobs.

Local residents that do secure jobs at bottled water plants likely will earn low wages. A bottled water employee's annual earnings fall more than a thousand dollars short of what the average U.S. worker makes. Bottled water workers annually make thousands of dollars less than other manufacturing workers.

This is not a good way to lift up a cash-strapped community. If anything, it could further depress wages and scare away businesses that rely on households' surplus income – two losses that cut into a local government's tax base and damage the local economy.

Fact 3: Bottled water plants bring dangerous jobs.

Such low wages can't possibly compensate bottled water workers for the risks they take every day at their jobs.

In 2006, bottled water manufacturing had one of the highest rates of workplace injury and illness. With one incident for every 11 workers, bottled water workers are injured and fall sick more than twice as often as the typical private sector worker. The injury rate of bottled water workers is also 50 percent higher than both the broader manufacturing industry and the construction industry. Nearly half of these cases were so serious that they required job transfer or restricted duties at work.

These injuries and illnesses are often severe and can have lasting effects. Bottled water workers lose their hearing eight times more often than a typical private sector worker. They suffer three times as many sprains and strains, and they are caught in machinery three times as often. The work at these plants is so hard that bottled water workers experience overexertion three times the rate of typical private sector workers.

What good is creating jobs that are so dangerous that injuries often prevent people from working them?

Capping it off

To convince towns to give up water resources, bottled water executives have exaggerated the employment opportunities at their new facilities. They promise jobs that will boost local economies in towns desperate for stimulus. But towns actually get stuck with only a few low-wage, dangerous jobs. Corporations take public water, then leave communities high and dry.

Distilled: McCloud, California

A hotly contested bottled water plant has thrown a small town of 1,300 people into the national spotlight.

McCloud, a mill town known for mountain springs and streams teeming with trout, rests on the southern slope of Mt. Shasta in northern California. Like many small towns across the country, McCloud has suffered economic hardship after losing its largest private employer, the lumber mill, which shut its doors the same year the town signed its water extraction contract with Nestlé, Inc.

In 2003, the town government, with little public input, approved a 100-year deal allowing Nestlé to take, bottle, and sell the icy waters of the Mt. Shasta springs. The corporation intends to pump up to 200 million gallons annually, enough water for 614 typical U.S. families. While still substantial, this amount is less than half of what Nestlé originally proposed. The company had to scale back its goal of building the country's largest water bottling plant because of public opposition.

Many community members worry the plant will drain their local water supply, damage their trout streams, hurt fish-

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document that assertion for themselves. But some of the information unearthed by researchers participating in the conference supports Matthias' claim.

Matthias added that the present cleanup effort at Hanford is an exaggerated response to an overstated problem. "I think it's a lot of phony stuff," he said.

Keynote speaker Patricia Nelson Limerick, historian at the University of Colorado, told the audience that the Western deserts became "the center of gravity" in the development of the atom because deserts were seen by Easterners as useless and empty.

An ironic footnote to the prevailing Eastern bias in dealing with the west was inadvertently provided by Groves' biographer Goldberg, who told Yakima Nation tribal representative Russell Jim that until he had heard Jim's conference presentation on Hanford, it had "never entered my consciousness" that the Yakimas claimed the land on which Hanford's bomb plant now sits.

Anxious for employment, Westerners were disposed to make their peace with risks and, thus, aided the development of the West as an atomic culture. Limerick marveled, as well one might, that of the 17 communities now tentatively volunteering to become "temporary" hosts for high level nuclear waste stored above ground, 15 are on Indian reservations, including that of the Yakimas.

"This goes beyond randomness," Limerick said. Westerners, pioneers and Native Americans alike, apparently continue to worship "the diety of full employment even after it betrays them." She concluded, "The story of the Atomic West is essentially a tragedy and I submit we should make our peace with it."

That's not to say we should ignore its sorry lessons. Aside from human illness and poisoned land, the worst, most ironic legacy of the Atomic West is that in the effort to guarantee American freedom, it served to thwart its expression.

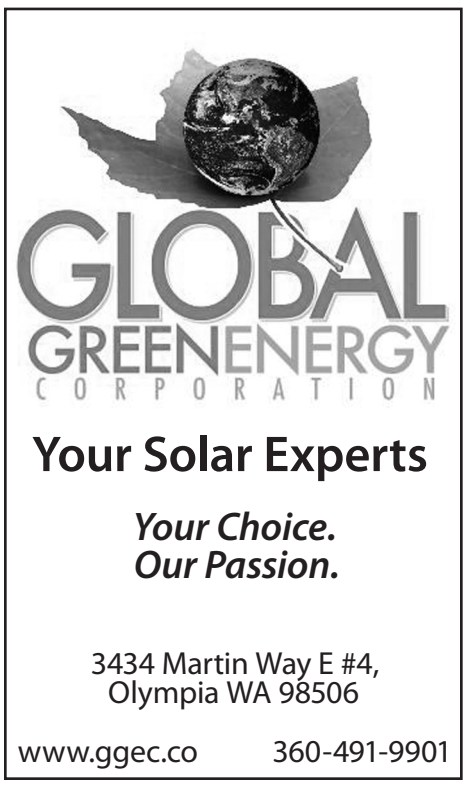
At the core of the failure embodied in this tragedy is "the failure of lay people to question the experts," as Limerick put it.

But lay people depend, admittedly at their peril, on journalists to alert them to what they ought to be asking questions about. Journalists, not historians, write the first draft of history. So any discussion of responsibility for the tragedy of the Atomic West would be incomplete without mention of a letter sent August 8, 1945, by General Groves to Charles Lindeman, publisher of the Post-Intelligencer, two days after the bomb built at Hanford was dropped on Hiroshima. It was one of many such sent to publishers.

"The members of the *P-I*'s editorial and news staff have been 'Gentlemen of the Press' indeed as far as we of the Hanford Engineer Works are concerned. They neither asked questions nor talked behind our backs. Your publication has a right to be proud for helping us keep the 'Hanford Secret' ...

"Your newspaper was the most widely distributed on the project, and the fact that it completely disregarded various rumors and bits of information concerning our development was a mighty force in holding the morale of our workers. The help newspapers of the *P-I*'s standard has given in winning the war is a 'lead' story and should be widely publicized."

Looking back nearly 50 years later, there is reason to question the role of the press in this chapter of our history.



LABOR NOTES

Maine Governor Paul LePage has started taking open shots at that state's labor heritage. First, LePage has called for the removal of a 36-foot mural of the state's labor history on a wall in the state's Department of Labor. Second, he has renamed two conference rooms named after labor heroes. LePage claims business owners complained. A spokesperson said, "The message from state agencies needs to be balanced."

The Tea Party governor also:

- supports so-called "right-to-work" legislation and the watering down of of child labor laws;
- proposed budget cuts to retirement benefits for unionized state workers and teachers;
- refused an NAACP invitation to attend a MLK ceremony stating, "They are a special interest. End of story... and I'm not going to be held hostage by special interests."

A Quinnipiac University poll of Ohio voters showed the following:

- 46% disapprove of Governor Kasich's job performance; only 30 % approve.
- 54% oppose legislation that limits collective bargaining; 35% approve.
- 58% oppose banning public employees from striking; 35% approve.
- 66% approve raising health insurance premiums 15%.

The New Hampshire House Finance Committee passed an amendment to the state collective bargaining laws that would turn all state workers into at-will employees after their contract expires.

The International Association of Fire Fighters: "This measure is just the latest in a string of outrageous proposals to emerge from the New Hampshire State Legislature to slash workers' rights. Lawmakers overwhelmingly passed a bill that would make it illegal for employers and employees to enter contracts that require nonunion-member participation. Lawmakers also are pushing to dramatically cut pension benefits for fire fighters."

On March 1, New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez fired all three members of the state's Employee Labor Relations Board, which holds hearings and renders decisions on labor complaints.

Unions have responded by appealing to the state Supreme Court.

The governor does have the right to dismiss certain board or commission members appointed by her Democratic predecessor, but members of the labor board are excluded because that board enforces the Public Employees Bargaining Act. That is a power of the legislature.

A pending case concerns the furlough of state employees for budgetary reasons.

Indiana House Democrats fled the state February 22 to prevent quorum on passing a Republican-backed anti-union bill. After the bill was thrown out, they remained out of state to undermine bills on vouchers and reduction of public education spending.

Currently, Democrats are being fined $350 a day for their absense, an increase from $250.

Mainstreaming Marijuana

A sensible approach to legalizing cannabis in Washington State

by Mimi Meiwes, volunteer for Sensible Washington

The "Marijuana Reform Act", an initiative to remove criminal penalities for the cultivation, possession, transportation, sale or use of marijuana in Washington State, has been filed by Sensible Washington this month. Volunteers have been working feverishly to get copies of the petition into the hands of interested citizens in an effort to obtain enough signatures to get the initiative on the ballot. The huge demand for petitions at the March 18th release events threatened to overwhelm organizers initially, as volunteers came forward in a rush of enthusiasm and vigor.

In the weeks prior to filing the petition, there was a flurry of news stories regarding the outlawed plant, with proponents not only touting the need for better patient access to their chosen medicine, but the benefits to the economy, ecology and society. Within those news stories, and the public comments that go with them, comes a new revelation: Cannabis has become mainstream in our society. The status quo just isn't working, for a number of reasons and on a number of levels.

The passing of Sensible Washington's initiative (I-1149) would clear the final obstacle to the already widespread acceptance of a plant that does less harm than alcohol, tobacco or any prescription drug. It would bring daylight to a dark commerce; make medicine, goods and research more available to those in need, and end a ridiculously ignorant ban on a highly sustainable plant.

It would also signal the beginning of the end to one of the biggest government lies in history, that cannabis is a dangerous drug. Some of the local politicians have come to that realization, as evidenced by recent state legislative efforts to legalize and regulate cannabis, while those at the federal level continue to hold onto archaic notions of wild-eyed war on people

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maniacs running around destroying the country because they consumed parts of a benign plant.

Even the average American, subjected for years to the "War on Drugs" propaganda, has figured out that not only is cannabis not as bad as the government makes it out to be, it is actually beneficial in many ways. A vast majority of citizens now know someone who has used or now uses it for medical reasons, and recent polls show widespread acceptance for medical use, as well as a significant increase in acceptance for recreational use. And while last year's effort to get Washington's initiative on the ballot, and California's effort to pass muster with voters, did not make the cut, the initiative sponsors know that it is only a matter of time before they are successful. We at Sensible Washington feel that the time is now. Washington State is ready to end this fruitless and expensive

Some policy makers and lawmakers in Washington, DC might be trying to figure out how all this happened, while madly scrambling to make it go away. Consider Gil Kerkowski's recent visit to *The Seattle Times*, just after that news organization came out in favor of legalization. While the Drug Czar tried to pass off the visit as casual and inconsequential, many citizens voiced their concern and mistrust for the appearance of a federal official who continues to ignore the will of the people. It's obviously not going to go away.

So, how did this happen? How did Americans come to so widely accept something that the government has been warning us about for years? We watched films and listened to horror stories as children; we were bombarded with the evils of "The Gateway Drug" and "Reefer Madness." We saw people lose their freedom for succumbing to the smoky effects of a prohibited plant, but none of those things stopped us from taking the risk and imbibing and sharing with our friends and family. Why?

Because, on average, Americans are not stupid. And as much we would love to believe our government officials, we have come to know better. Ending prohibition of cannabis is the beginning of more than just the freedom to smoke or grow or otherwise enjoy this plant. It is mainstream America starting to stand up and speak out to our government—to say that we do not want or need a babysitter.

This is our country.

America is speaking, but who is listening? Someone needs to wake up the the policy makers and the lawmakers. We at Sensible Washington mean to do just that. Please join us!

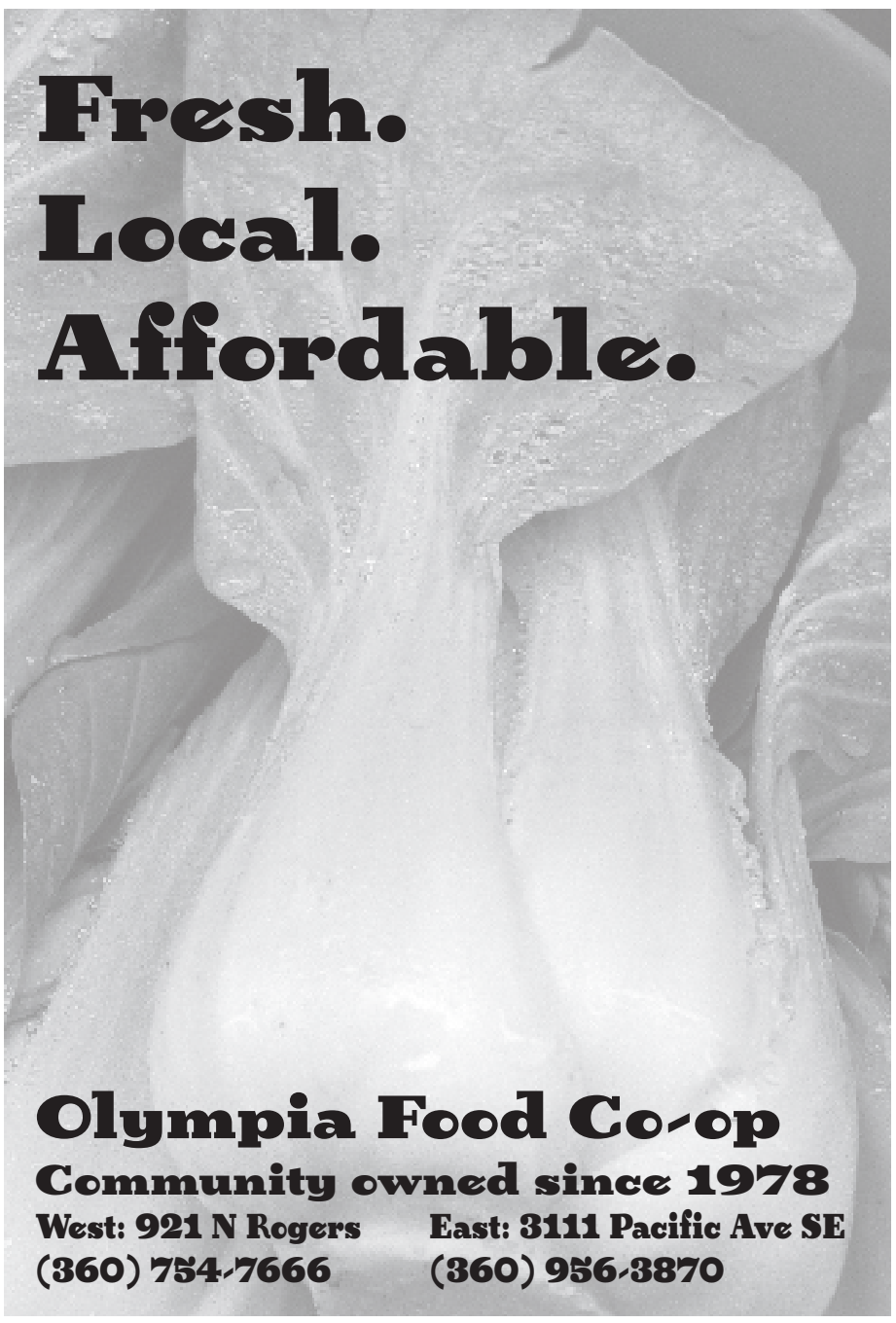
To donate, volunteer or find out more, please visit www.sensiblewashington.org and check out the Volunteer HQ page. You can sign up to make a donation, gather signatures, find out about meetings and events in your area and around the state, or touch base with other volunteers near you. Together, we can make this happen.

Here's your chance!

Do you want to legalize marijuana in Washington State? **Here's your chance!** Initiative 1149 will rescind the current laws barring marijuana possession, distribution, and use, and replace these laws with sensible legal guidelines. In short, marijuana will essentially have the same status as alcohol - restricted for minors, perfectly legal for adults.

Here's what you do:

- Cut the signature sheet from this page along the dotted line, OR go to www.sensiblewashington.org to find out how to get a fresh sheet;
- Sign the sheet;
- Get all your friends, family, coworkers and total strangers to sign it too (but they have to be registered to vote in Washington State);
- Mail the sheet to Sensible Washington, P.O. Box 1184 Seattle, WA 98111-1184, but do it before July 5th;
- **VOTE YES** if and when I-1149 makes the ballot this fall!



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The Marijuana Reform Act

END CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR ADULTS

INITIATIVE 1149

BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY

This measure would remove state civil and criminal penalties for the cultivation, possession, transportation, sale, or use of marijuana. It would create new criminal penalties for manufacture, delivery, sale or possession of marijuana by persons younger than eighteen years old, and for adults who distribute marijuana to them. Persons under eighteen would be permitted to possess marijuana obtained pursuant to a valid prescription. Certain penalties relating to drug paraphernalia would not apply to marijuana-related offenses.

Ballot Title

Initiative Measure No. 1149 concerns marijuana.

This measure would remove existing state civil and criminal penalties regarding marijuana. It would create new criminal penalties regarding marijuana for persons under eighteen years and for adults who distribute marijuana to them.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes [ ] No [ ]

INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PEOPLE

To the Honorable Sam Reed,
Secretary of State of the State of Washington

We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of Washington, respectfully direct that the proposed measure known as Initiative Measure No. 1149, and entitled, "Initiative Measure No. 1149 concerns marijuana. This measure would remove existing state civil and criminal penalties regarding marijuana. It would create new criminal penalties regarding marijuana for persons under eighteen years and for adults who distribute marijuana to them," a full, true and correct copy of which is printed on the reverse side of this petition, be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Washington for their approval or rejection at the General Election to be held on the 8TH day of November, 2011; and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Washington, in the city (or town) and county written after my name, my residence address is correctly stated, and I have knowingly signed this petition only once.

WARNING

Every person who signs this petition with any other than his or her true name, knowingly signs more than one of these petitions, signs this petition when she or he is not a legal voter, or makes any false statement on this petition may be punished by fine or imprisonment or both.

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We need 241,153 valid signatures to make the General Election Ballot in November.

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Complete text of The Marijuana Reform Act Initiative No. 1149

AN ACT Relating to the removal of civil and criminal penalties associated with adult marijuana use; amending RCW 9.94A.518, 69.50.101, 69.50.4014, 69.50.412, and 69.50.4121; reenacting and amending RCW 69.50.505; adding new sections to chapter 69.50 RCW; creating new sections; and prescribing penalties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The people of the state of Washington are concerned about the millions of dollars spent each year to arrest, prosecute, and incarcerate people for marijuana offenses. It is widely accepted that marijuana is a benign therapeutic substance that, unlike other legal substances such as tobacco and alcohol, has never caused a single death. (2) In 1998, the people recognized the medicinal benefits of marijuana by approving and enacting Initiative Measure No. 692, codified in chapter 69.51A RCW, which authorized the medical use of marijuana by qualified patients. Since chapter 69.51A RCW only provides an affirmative defense, it has proven ineffective at protecting qualified patients from arrest and prosecution. (3) Several bills have been introduced in the legislature seeking decriminalization of marijuana, but none have been permitted to reach the floor of the legislature for a vote. (4) Under current law: (a) Washington citizens face the prospect of arrest, prosecution, and incarceration, as well as the loss of employment and important parental and property rights, for marijuana offenses; and (b) Washington farmers and landowners are prohibited from growing industrial hemp on their land, depriving them of the ability to grow a valuable, environmentally friendly crop. (5) The people intend to remove all existing civil and criminal penalties for adults eighteen years of age or older who cultivate, possess, transport, sell, or use marijuana, without impacting existing laws proscribing dangerous activities while under the influence of marijuana or certain conduct that exposes younger persons to marijuana.

Sec. 2. RCW 9.94A.518 and 2003 c 53 s 57 are each amended to read as follows:

TABLE 4
DRUG OFFENSES INCLUDED WITHIN EACH SERIOUSNESS LEVEL

III Any felony offense under chapter 69.50 RCW with a deadly weapon special verdict under RCW ((~~9.94A.602~~)) 9.94A.825

Controlled Substance Homicide (RCW 69.50.415)

Delivery of imitation Controlled Substance by persons eighteen or over to persons under eighteen (RCW 69.52.030(2))

Involving a minor in drug dealing (RCW 69.50.4015) Manufacture of methamphetamine (RCW 69.50.401(2)(b)) Over eighteen and deliver heroin, methamphetamine, a narcotic from Schedule I or II, or flunitrazepam from Schedule IV to someone under eighteen (RCW 69.50.406)

Over 18 and deliver a narcotic from Schedule III, IV, or V or a nonnarcotic, except flunitrazepam or methamphetamine, from Schedule I-V to someone under 18 and 3 years junior (RCW 69.50.406)

Possession of Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, or Anhydrous Ammonia with intent to manufacture methamphetamine (RCW 69.50.440)

Selling for profit (controlled or counterfeit) any controlled substance (RCW 69.50.410)

II Create, deliver, or possess a counterfeit controlled substance (RCW 69.50.4011)

Deliver or possess with intent to deliver methamphetamine (RCW 69.50.401(2)(b))

Delivery of a material in lieu of a controlled substance (RCW 69.50.4012)

Maintaining a Dwelling or Place for Controlled Substances (RCW 69.50.402(1)(f))

Manufacture, deliver, or possess with intent to deliver amphetamine (RCW 69.50.401(2)(b))

Manufacture, deliver, or possess with intent to deliver narcotics from Schedule I or II or flunitrazepam from Schedule IV (RCW69.50.401(2)(a))

Manufacture, deliver, or possess with intent to deliver narcotics from Schedule III, IV, or V or nonnarcotics from Schedule I-V (except marijuana, amphetamine, methamphetamines, or flunitrazepam) (RCW 69.50.401(2) (c) through (e))

Manufacture, distribute, or possess with intent to distribute an imitation controlled substance (RCW69.52.030(1))

I Forged Prescription (RCW 69.41.020) Forged Prescription for a Controlled Substance (RCW 69.50.403) ((~~Manufacture, deliver, or possess with intent to deliver marijuana (RCW 69.50.401(2)(c))~~))

Possess Controlled Substance that is a Narcotic from Schedule III, IV, or V or Nonnarcotic from Schedule I-V (RCW 69.50.4013)

Possession of Controlled Substance that is either heroin or narcotics from Schedule I or II (RCW 69.50.4013)

Unlawful Use of Building for Drug Purposes (RCW 69.53.010)

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 69.50 RCW to read as follows:

Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the provisions or penalties set forth in the juvenile justice act, chapter 13.40 RCW, or the crimes enumerated in Title 46 RCW, or to legalize or authorize the possession, use, or manufacture of marijuana by persons under the age of eighteen.

Sec. 4. RCW 69.50.101 and 2010 c 177 s 1 are each amended to read as follows: Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, definitions of terms shall be as indicated where used in this chapter: (a) "Administer" means to apply a controlled substance, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means, directly to the body of a patient or research subject by: (1) a practitioner authorized to prescribe (or, by the practitioner's authorized agent); or (2) the patient or research subject at the direction and in the presence of the practitioner. (b) "Agent" means an authorized person who acts on behalf of or at the direction of a manufacturer, distributor, or dispenser. It does not include a common or contract carrier, public warehouseperson, or employee of the carrier or warehouseperson. (c) "Board" means the state board of pharmacy. (d) "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance, or immediate precursor included in Schedules I through V as set forth in federal or state laws, or federal or board rules. "Controlled substance" does not include marijuana. (e)(1) "Controlled substance analog" means a substance the chemical structure of which is substantially similar to the chemical structure of a controlled substance in Schedule I or II and: (i) that has a stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system substantially similar to the stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system of a controlled substance included in Schedule I or II; or (ii) with respect to a particular individual, that the individual represents or intends to have a stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system substantially similar to the stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system of a controlled substance included in Schedule I or II. (2) The term does not include: (i) a controlled substance; (ii) a substance for which there is an approved new drug application; (iii) a substance with respect to which an exemption is in effect for investigational use by a particular person under Section 505 of the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 355, to the extent conduct with respect to the substance is pursuant to the exemption; or (iv) any substance to the extent not intended for human consumption before an exemption takes effect with respect to the substance. (f) "Deliver" or "delivery," means the actual or constructive transfer from one person to another of a substance, whether or not there is an agency relationship. (g) "Department" means the department of health. (h) "Dispense" means the interpretation of a prescription or order for a controlled substance and, pursuant to that prescription or order, the proper selection, measuring, compounding, labeling, or packaging necessary to prepare that prescription or order for delivery. (i) "Dispenser" means a practitioner who dispenses. (j) "Distribute" means to deliver other than by administering or dispensing a controlled substance. (k) "Distributor" means a person who distributes. (l) "Drug" means (1) a controlled substance recognized as a drug in the official United States pharmacopoeia/national formulary or the official homeopathic pharmacopoeia of the United States, or any supplement to them; (2) controlled substances intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in individuals or animals; (3) controlled substances (other than food) intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of individuals or animals; and (4) controlled substances intended for use as a component of any article specified in (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection. The term does not include devices or their components, parts, or accessories. (m) "Drug enforcement administration" means the drug enforcement administration in the United States Department of Justice, or its successor agency. (n) "Immediate precursor" means a substance: (1) that the state board of pharmacy has found to be and by rule designates as being the principal compound commonly used, or produced primarily for use, in the manufacture of a controlled substance; (2) that is an immediate chemical intermediary used or likely to be used in the manufacture of a controlled substance; and (3) the control of which is necessary to prevent, curtail, or limit the manufacture of the controlled substance. (o) "Isomer" means an optical isomer, but in RCW 69.50.101(r)(5), 69.50.204(a) (12) and (34), and 69.50.206(b)(4), the term includes any geometrical isomer; in RCW 69.50.204(a) (8) and (42), and 69.50.210(c) the term includes any positional isomer; and in RCW 69.50.204(a)(35), 69.50.204(c), and 69.50.208(a) the term includes any positional or geometric isomer. (p) "Manufacture" means the production, preparation, propagation, compounding, conversion, or processing of a controlled substance, either directly or indirectly or by extraction from substances of natural origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, and includes any packaging or repackaging of the substance or labeling or relabeling of its container. The term does not include the preparation, compounding, packaging, repackaging, labeling, or relabeling of a controlled substance: (1) by a practitioner as an incident to the practitioner's administering or dispensing of a controlled substance in the course of the practitioner's professional practice; or (2) by a practitioner, or by the practitioner's authorized agent under the practitioner's supervision, for the purpose of, or as an incident to, research, teaching, or chemical analysis and not for sale. (q) "Marijuana" or "marihuana" means all parts of the plant Cannabis, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds or resin. The term does not include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the mature stalks (except the resin extracted therefrom), fiber, oil, or cake, or the sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination. (r) "Narcotic drug" means any of the following, whether produced directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of vegetable origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis: (1) Opium, opium derivative, and any derivative of opium or opium derivative, including their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, whenever the existence of the salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation. The term does not include the isoquinoline alkaloids of opium. (2) Synthetic opiate and any derivative of synthetic opiate, including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, whenever the existence of the isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation. (3) Poppy straw and concentrate of poppy straw. (4) Coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves from which cocaine, ecgonine, and derivatives or ecgonine or their salts have been removed. (5) Cocaine, or any salt, isomer, or salt of isomer thereof. (6) Cocaine base. (7) Ecgonine, or any derivative, salt, isomer, or salt of isomer thereof. (8) Any compound, mixture, or preparation containing any quantity of any substance referred to in subparagraphs (1) through (7). (s) "Opiate" means any substance having an addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability similar to morphine or being capable of conversion into a drug having addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability. The term includes opium, substances derived from opium (opium derivatives), and synthetic opiates. The term does not include, unless specifically designated as controlled under RCW 69.50.201, the dextrorotatory isomer of 3-methoxy-n-methylmorphinan and its salts (dextromethorphan). The term includes the racemic and levorotatory forms of dextromethorphan. (t) "Opium poppy" means the plant of the species Papaver somniferum L., except its seeds. (u) "Person" means individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, association, joint venture, government, governmental subdivision or agency, or any other legal or commercial entity. (v) "Poppy straw" means all parts, except the seeds, of the opium poppy, after mowing. (w) "Practitioner" means: (1) A physician under chapter 18.71 RCW; a physician assistant under chapter 18.71A RCW; an osteopathic physician and surgeon under chapter 18.57 RCW; an osteopathic physician assistant under chapter 18.57A RCW who is licensed under RCW 18.57A.020 subject to any limitations in RCW 18.57A.040; an optometrist licensed under chapter 18.53 RCW who is certified by the optometry board under RCW 18.53.010 subject to any limitations in RCW 18.53.010; a dentist under chapter 18.32 RCW; a podiatric physician and surgeon under chapter 18.22 RCW; a veterinarian under chapter 18.92 RCW; a registered nurse, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or licensed practical nurse under chapter 18.79 RCW; a naturopathic physician under chapter 18.36A RCW who is licensed under RCW 18.36A.030 subject to any limitations in RCW 18.36A.040; a pharmacist under chapter 18.64 RCW or a scientific investigator under this chapter, licensed, registered or otherwise permitted insofar as is consistent with those licensing laws to distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to or administer a controlled substance in the course of their professional practice or research in this state. (2) A pharmacy, hospital or other institution licensed, registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to or to administer a controlled substance in the course of professional practice or research in this state. (3) A physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery, a physician licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, a dentist licensed to practice dentistry, a podiatric physician and surgeon licensed to practice podiatric medicine and surgery, or a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in any state of the United States. (x) "Prescription" means an order for controlled substances issued by a practitioner duly authorized by law or rule in the state of Washington to prescribe controlled substances within the scope of his or her professional practice for a legitimate medical purpose. (y) "Production" includes the manufacturing, planting, cultivating, growing, or harvesting of a controlled substance. (z) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's designee. (aa) "State," unless the context otherwise requires, means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. (bb) "Ultimate user" means an individual who lawfully possesses a controlled substance for the individual's own use or for the use of a member of the individual's household or for administering to an animal owned by the individual or by a member of the individual's household. (cc) "Electronic communication of prescription information" means the communication of prescription information by computer, or the transmission of an exact visual image of a prescription by facsimile, or other electronic means for original prescription information or prescription refill information for a Schedule III-V controlled substance between an authorized practitioner and a pharmacy or the transfer of prescription information for a controlled substance from one pharmacy to another pharmacy.

Sec. 5. RCW 69.50.4014 and 2003 c 53 s 335 are each amended to read as follows: Except as provided in RCW 69.50.401(2)(c), any person under eighteen years of age found guilty of possession of forty grams or less of ((~~marihuana~~)) marijuana is guilty of a misdemeanor.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 69.50 RCW to read as follows: (1) It is unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen to manufacture, deliver, or possess with intent to manufacture or deliver marijuana. Any person who violates this subsection is guilty of a class C felony. (2) It is unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen to create, deliver, or possess counterfeit marijuana. Any person who violates this subsection is guilty of a class C felony. (3) It is unlawful, except as authorized in this chapter and chapter 69.41 RCW, for any person under the age of eighteen to offer, arrange, or negotiate for the sale, gift, delivery, dispensing, distribution, or administration of marijuana to any person and then sell, give, deliver, dispense, distribute, or administer to that person any other liquid, substance, or material in lieu of such marijuana. Any person who violates this subsection is guilty of a class C felony. (4) It is unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen to possess marijuana unless the substance was obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while acting in the course of his or her professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by this chapter. Any person who violates this subsection is guilty of a class C felony. (5) Any person eighteen years of age or over who distributes marijuana or any other controlled substance listed in Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V to a person under eighteen years of age who is at least three years younger is guilty of a class B felony punishable by the fine authorized by RCW 69.50.401(2) (c), (d), or (e), by a term of imprisonment up to twice that authorized by RCW 69.50.401(2) (c), (d), or (e), or both. **Sec. 7.** RCW 69.50.412 and 2002 c 213 s 1 are each amended to read as follows: (1) It is unlawful for any person to use drug paraphernalia to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance. Any person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor. (2) It is unlawful for any person to deliver, possess with intent to deliver, or manufacture with intent to deliver drug paraphernalia, knowing, or under circumstances where one reasonably should know, that it will be used to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance. Any person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor. (3) Any person eighteen years of age or over who violates subsection (2) of this section by delivering drug paraphernalia to a person under eighteen years of age who is at least three years his junior is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. (4) It is unlawful for any person to place in any newspaper, magazine, handbill, or other publication any advertisement, knowing, or under circumstances where one reasonably should know, that the purpose of the advertisement, in whole or in part, is to promote the sale of objects designed or intended for use as drug paraphernalia. Any person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor. (5) It is lawful for any person over the age of eighteen to possess sterile hypodermic syringes and needles for the purpose of reducing bloodborne diseases. (6) This section does not apply to marijuana-related offenses for persons over the age of eighteen.

Sec. 8. RCW 69.50.4121 and 2002 c 213 s 2 are each amended to read as follows: (1) Every person who sells or gives, or permits to be sold or given to any person any drug paraphernalia in any form commits a class I civil infraction under chapter 7.80 RCW. For purposes of this subsection, "drug paraphernalia" means all equipment, products, and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance. Drug paraphernalia includes, but is not limited to objects used, intended for use, or designed for use in ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing ((~~marihuana,~~)) cocaine, hashish, or hashish oil into the human body, such as: (a) Metal, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic, or ceramic pipes with or without screens, permanent screens, hashish heads, or punctured metal bowls; (b) Water pipes; (c) Carburetion tubes and devices; (d) Smoking and carburetion masks; (e) Roach clips: Meaning objects used to hold burning material((~~, such as a marihuana cigarette,~~)) that has become too small or too short to be held in the hand; (f) Miniature cocaine spoons and cocaine vials; (g) Chamber pipes; (h) Carburetor pipes; (i) Electric pipes; (j) Air-driven pipes; (k) Chillums; (l) Bongs; and (m) Ice pipes or chillers. (2) It shall be no defense to a prosecution for a violation of this section that the person acted, or was believed by the defendant to act, as agent or representative of another. (3) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section prohibits legal distribution of injection syringe equipment through public health and community based HIV prevention programs, and pharmacies. (4) This section does not apply to marijuana-related offenses for persons over the age of eighteen.

Sec. 9. RCW 69.50.505 and 2009 c 479 s 46 and 2009 c 364 s 1 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows: (1) The following are subject to seizure and forfeiture and no property right exists in them: (a) All controlled substances which have been manufactured, distributed, dispensed, acquired, or possessed in violation of this chapter or chapter 69.41 or 69.52 RCW, and all hazardous chemicals, as defined in RCW 64.44.010, used or intended to be used in the manufacture of controlled substances; (b) All raw materials, products, and equipment of any kind which are used, or intended for use, in manufacturing, compounding, processing, delivering, importing, or exporting any controlled substance in violation of this chapter or chapter 69.41 or 69.52 RCW; (c) All property which is used, or intended for use, as a container for property described in (a) or (b) of this subsection; (d) All conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles, or vessels, which are used, or intended for use, in any manner to facilitate the sale, delivery, or receipt of property described in (a) or (b) of this subsection, except that: (i) No conveyance used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as a common carrier is subject to forfeiture under this section unless it appears that the owner or other person in charge of the conveyance is a consenting party or privy to a violation of this chapter or chapter 69.41 or 69.52 RCW; (ii) No conveyance is subject to forfeiture under this section by reason of any act or omission established by the owner thereof to have been committed or omitted without the owner's knowledge or consent; (iii) ((~~No conveyance is subject to forfeiture under this section if used in the receipt of only an amount of marijuana for which possession constitutes a misdemeanor under RCW 69.50.4014; (iv)~~)) A forfeiture of a conveyance encumbered by a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest of the secured party if the secured party neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act or omission; and ((~~(v)~~)) (iv) When the owner of a conveyance has been arrested under this chapter or chapter 69.41 or 69.52 RCW the conveyance in which the person is arrested may not be subject to forfeiture unless it is seized or process is issued for its seizure within ten days of the owner's arrest; (e) All books, records, and research products and materials, including formulas, microfilm, tapes, and data which are used, or intended for use, in violation of this chapter or chapter 69.41 or 69.52 RCW; (f) All drug paraphernalia; (g) All moneys, negotiable instruments, securities, or other tangible or intangible property of value furnished or intended to be furnished by any person in exchange for a controlled substance in violation of this chapter or chapter 69.41 or 69.52 RCW, all tangible or intangible personal property, proceeds, or assets acquired in whole or in part with proceeds traceable to an exchange or series of exchanges in violation of this chapter or chapter 69.41 or 69.52 RCW, and all moneys, negotiable instruments, and securities used or intended to be used to facilitate any violation of this chapter or chapter 69.41 or 69.52 RCW. A forfeiture of money, negotiable instruments, securities, or other tangible or intangible property encumbered by a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest of the secured party if, at the time the security interest was created, the secured party neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act or omission. No personal property may be forfeited under this subsection (1)(g), to the extent of the interest of an owner, by reason of any act or omission which that owner establishes was committed or omitted without the owner's knowledge or consent; and (h) All real property, including any right, title, and interest in the whole of any lot or tract of land, and any appurtenances or improvements which are being used with the knowledge of the owner for the manufacturing, compounding, processing, delivery, importing, or exporting of any controlled substance, or which have been acquired in whole or in part with proceeds traceable to an exchange or series of exchanges in violation of this chapter or chapter 69.41 or 69.52 RCW, if such activity is not less than a class C felony and a substantial nexus exists between the commercial production or sale of the controlled substance and the real property. However: (i) No property may be forfeited pursuant to this subsection (1)(h), to the extent of the interest of an owner, by reason of any act or omission committed or omitted without the owner's knowledge or consent; (ii) The bona fide gift of a controlled substance, legend drug, or imitation controlled substance shall not result in the forfeiture of real property; (iii) ((~~The possession of marijuana shall not result in the forfeiture of real property unless the marijuana is possessed for commercial purposes, the amount possessed is five or more plants or one pound or more of marijuana, and a substantial nexus exists between the possession of marijuana and the real property. In such a case, the intent of the offender shall be determined by the preponderance of the evidence, including the offender's prior criminal history, the amount of marijuana possessed by the offender, the sophistication of the activity or equipment used by the offender, and other evidence which demonstrates the offender's intent to engage in commercial activity; (iv)~~)) The unlawful sale of ((~~marijuana or~~)) a legend drug shall not result in the forfeiture of real property unless the sale was ((~~forty grams or more in the case of marijuana or~~)) one hundred dollars or more in the case of a legend drug, and a substantial nexus exists between the unlawful sale and the real property; and ((~~(v)~~)) (iv) A forfeiture of real property encumbered by a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest of the secured party if the secured party, at the time the security interest was created, neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act or omission. (2) Real or personal property subject to forfeiture under this chapter may be seized by any board inspector or law enforcement officer of this state upon process issued by any superior court having jurisdiction over the property. Seizure of real property shall include the filing of a lis pendens by the seizing agency. Real property seized under this section shall not be transferred or otherwise conveyed until ninety days after seizure or until a judgment of forfeiture is entered, whichever is later: PROVIDED, That real property seized under this section may be transferred or conveyed to any person or entity who acquires title by foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure of a security interest. Seizure of personal property without process may be made if: (a) The seizure is incident to an arrest or a search under a search warrant or an inspection under an administrative inspection warrant; (b) The property subject to seizure has been the subject of a prior judgment in favor of the state in a criminal injunction or forfeiture proceeding based upon this chapter; (c) A board inspector or law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that the property is directly or indirectly dangerous to health or safety; or (d) The board inspector or law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that the property was used or is intended to be used in violation of this chapter. (3) In the event of seizure pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, proceedings for forfeiture shall be deemed commenced by the seizure. The law enforcement agency under whose authority the seizure was made shall cause notice to be served within fifteen days following the seizure on the owner of the property seized and the person in charge thereof and any person having any known right or interest therein, including any community property interest, of the seizure and intended forfeiture of the seized property. Service of notice of seizure of real property shall be made according to the rules of civil procedure. However, the state may not obtain a default judgment with respect to real property against a party who is served by substituted service absent an affidavit stating that a good faith effort has been made to ascertain if the defaulted party is incarcerated within the state, and that there is no present basis to believe that the party is incarcerated within the state. Notice of seizure in the case of property subject to a security interest that has been perfected by filing a financing statement in accordance with chapter 62A.9A RCW, or a certificate of title, shall be made by service upon the secured party or the secured party's assignee at the address shown on the financing statement or the certificate of title. The notice of seizure in other cases may be served by any method authorized by law or court rule including but not limited to service by certified mail with return receipt requested. Service by mail shall be deemed complete upon mailing within the fifteen day period following the seizure. (4) If no person notifies the seizing law enforcement agency in writing of the person's claim of ownership or right to possession of items specified in subsection (1)(d), (g), or (h) of this section within forty-five days of the service of notice from the seizing agency in the case of personal property and ninety days in the case of real property, the item seized shall be deemed forfeited. The community property interest in real property of a person whose spouse or domestic partner committed a violation giving rise to seizure of the real property may not be forfeited if the person did not participate in the violation. (5) If any person notifies the seizing law enforcement agency in writing of the person's claim of ownership or right to possession of items specified in subsection (1)(b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), or (h) of this section within forty-five days of the service of notice from the seizing agency in the case of personal property and ninety days in the case of real property, the person or persons shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard as to the claim or right. The notice of claim may be served by any method authorized by law or court rule including, but not limited to, service by first-class mail. Service by mail shall be deemed complete upon mailing within the forty-five day period following service of the notice of seizure in the case of personal property and within the ninety-day period following service of the notice of seizure in the case of real property. The hearing shall be before the chief law enforcement officer of the seizing agency or the chief law enforcement officer's designee, except where the seizing agency is a state agency as defined in RCW 34.12.020(4), the hearing shall be before the chief law enforcement officer of the seizing agency or an administrative law judge appointed under chapter 34.12 RCW, except that any person asserting a claim or right may remove the matter to a court of competent jurisdiction. Removal of any matter involving personal property may only be accomplished according to the rules of civil procedure. The person seeking removal of the matter must serve process against the state, county, political subdivision, or municipality that operates the seizing agency, and any other party of interest, in accordance with RCW 4.28.080 or 4.92.020, within forty-five days after the person seeking removal has notified the seizing law enforcement agency of the person's claim of ownership or right to possession. The court to which the matter is to be removed shall be the district court when the aggregate value of personal property is within the jurisdictional limit set forth in RCW 3.66.020. A hearing before the seizing agency and any appeal therefrom shall be under Title 34 RCW. In all cases, the burden of proof is upon the law enforcement agency to establish, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the property is subject to forfeiture. The seizing law enforcement agency shall promptly return the article or articles to the claimant upon a determination by the administrative law judge or court that the claimant is the present lawful owner or is lawfully entitled to possession thereof of items specified in subsection (1)(b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), or (h) of this section. (6) In any proceeding to forfeit property under this title, where the claimant substantially prevails, the claimant is entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees reasonably incurred by the claimant. In addition, in a court hearing between two or more claimants to the article or articles involved, the prevailing party is entitled to a judgment for costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. (7) When property is forfeited under this chapter the board or seizing law enforcement agency may: (a) Retain it for official use or upon application by any law enforcement agency of this state release such property to such agency for the exclusive use of enforcing the provisions of this chapter; (b) Sell that which is not required to be destroyed by law and which is not harmful to the public; (c) Request the appropriate sheriff or director of public safety to take custody of the property and remove it for disposition in accordance with law; or (d) Forward it to the drug enforcement administration for disposition. (8)(a) When property is forfeited, the seizing agency shall keep a record indicating the identity of the prior owner, if known, a description of the property, the disposition of the property, the value of the property at the time of seizure, and the amount of proceeds realized from disposition of the property. (b) Each seizing agency shall retain records of forfeited property for at least seven years. (c) Each seizing agency shall file a report including a copy of the records of forfeited property with the state treasurer each calendar quarter. (d) The quarterly report need not include a record of forfeited property that is still being held for use as evidence during the investigation or prosecution of a case or during the appeal from a conviction. (9)(a) By January 31st of each year, each seizing agency shall remit to the state treasurer an amount equal to ten percent of the net proceeds of any property forfeited during the preceding calendar year. Money remitted shall be deposited in the state general fund. (b) The net proceeds of forfeited property is the value of the forfeitable interest in the property after deducting the cost of satisfying any bona fide security interest to which the property is subject at the time of seizure; and in the case of sold property, after deducting the cost of sale, including reasonable fees or commissions paid to independent selling agents, and the cost of any valid landlord's claim for damages under subsection (15) of this section. (c) The value of sold forfeited property is the sale price. The value of retained forfeited property is the fair market value of the property at the time of seizure, determined when possible by reference to an applicable commonly used index, such as the index used by the department of licensing for valuation of motor vehicles. A seizing agency may use, but need not use, an independent qualified appraiser to determine the value of retained property. If an appraiser is used, the value of the property appraised is net of the cost of the appraisal. The value of destroyed property and retained firearms or illegal property is zero. (10) Forfeited property and net proceeds not required to be paid to the state treasurer shall be retained by the seizing law enforcement agency exclusively for the expansion and improvement of controlled substances related law enforcement activity. Money retained under this section may not be used to supplant preexisting funding sources. (11) Controlled substances listed in Schedule I, II, III, IV, and V that are possessed, transferred, sold, or offered for sale in violation of this chapter are contraband and shall be seized and summarily forfeited to the state. Controlled substances listed in Schedule I, II, III, IV, and V, which are seized or come into the possession of the board, the owners of which are unknown, are contraband and shall be summarily forfeited to the board. (12) Species of plants from which controlled substances in Schedules I and II may be derived which have been planted or cultivated in violation of this chapter, or of which the owners or cultivators are unknown, or which are wild growths, may be seized and summarily forfeited to the board. (13) The failure, upon demand by a board inspector or law enforcement officer, of the person in occupancy or in control of land or premises upon which the species of plants are growing or being stored to produce an appropriate registration or proof that he or she is the holder thereof constitutes authority for the seizure and forfeiture of the plants. (14) Upon the entry of an order of forfeiture of real property, the court shall forward a copy of the order to the assessor of the county in which the property is located. Orders for the forfeiture of real property shall be entered by the superior court, subject to court rules. Such an order shall be filed by the seizing agency in the county auditor's records in the county in which the real property is located. (15) (a) A landlord may assert a claim against proceeds from the sale of assets seized and forfeited under subsection (7)(b) of this section, only if: (((~~(a)~~))) (i) A law enforcement officer, while acting in his or her official capacity, directly caused damage to the complaining landlord's property while executing a search of a tenant's residence; and (((~~(b)~~))) (ii) The landlord has applied any funds remaining in the tenant's deposit, to which the landlord has a right under chapter 59.18 RCW, to cover the damage directly caused by a law enforcement officer prior to asserting a claim under the provisions of this section; (((~~(i)~~))) (A) Only if the funds applied under (((~~(b)~~))) (a)(ii) of this subsection are insufficient to satisfy the damage directly caused by a law enforcement officer, may the landlord seek compensation for the damage by filing a claim against the governmental entity under whose authority the law enforcement agency operates within thirty days after the search; (((~~(ii)~~))) (B) Only if the governmental entity denies or fails to respond to the landlord's claim within sixty days of the date of filing, may the landlord collect damages under this subsection by filing within thirty days of denial or the expiration of the sixty-day period, whichever occurs first, a claim with the seizing law enforcement agency. The seizing law enforcement agency must notify the landlord of the status of the claim by the end of the thirty-day period. Nothing in this section requires the claim to be paid by the end of the sixty-day or thirty-day period. (((~~(c)~~))) (b) For any claim filed under (((~~(b)~~))) (a)(ii) of this subsection, the law enforcement agency shall pay the claim unless the agency provides substantial proof that the landlord either: (i) Knew or consented to actions of the tenant in violation of this chapter or chapter 69.41 or 69.52 RCW; or (ii) Failed to respond to a notification of the illegal activity, provided by a law enforcement agency under RCW 59.18.075, within seven days of receipt of notification of the illegal activity. (16) The landlord's claim for damages under subsection (15) of this section may not include a claim for loss of business and is limited to: (a) Damage to tangible property and clean-up costs; (b) The lesser of the cost of repair or fair market value of the damage directly caused by a law enforcement officer; (c) The proceeds from the sale of the specific tenant's property seized and forfeited under subsection (7)(b) of this section; and (d) The proceeds available after the seizing law enforcement agency satisfies any bona fide security interest in the tenant's property and costs related to sale of the tenant's property as provided by subsection (9)(b) of this section. (17) Subsections (15) and (16) of this section do not limit any other rights a landlord may have against a tenant to collect for damages. However, if a law enforcement agency satisfies a landlord's claim under subsection (15) of this section, the rights the landlord has against the tenant for damages directly caused by a law enforcement officer under the terms of the landlord and tenant's contract are subrogated to the law enforcement agency. (18) No seizure or forfeiture of property may result from marijuana-related offenses committed by persons eighteen years of age or older.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** In the event that any sections of this act are in conflict with any other laws codified in the Revised Code of Washington, the provisions of this act shall control.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** If this act is validly submitted to and is approved and ratified by the voters at the next general election, the legislature must adopt rules and if appropriate, tax provisions, to carry out the provisions of this act by final adjournment of the 2012 regular legislative session.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** This act may be known and cited as the marijuana reform act.

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Immigration enforcement on the Olympic Peninsula

by Jenny Blumenstein, Bridges Not Walls

• A Guatemalan family was driving back from a church event near Forks. The weather was bad (snow, etc.), and the car slid off the road. A policeman stopped and told the family to wait, and that a tow truck would come soon to help. Minutes later, immigration officers came and questioned the individuals, detaining 4 people.

• The Border Patrol has been seen in harvesting areas several days each week. In one case, the officer came up to someone working and asked him for his papers. People are scared and upset with this aggressive behavior. The community doesn't feel safe in the woods (where they work).

• A man was detained in front of his house when he walked outside to get something from his car. The agents did not have an arrest warrant for him, and were looking for someone else. He has a wife and three citizen children.

These events, and many others, have been documented by a grassroots group based in Forks, WA called Forks Human Rights Group. They've been working to document and protest increased I.C.E. (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and Border Patrol activity in their community since the Spring of 2008.

This increased activity stems from an increase in funding for immigration enforcement in the region of the Northern Olympic Peninsula, an area spanning from Sequim in the east, north through Port Angeles, to Forks in the west. Both I.C.E. and the Border Patrol are working to expand their operations and construct new offices as well as a temporary detention facility in Port Angeles that would process people who are detained before sending them to the Tacoma Detention Center for further incarceration and processing.

An article in the *Peninsula Daily News* on March 4, 2011 reported that a "contract for $5.7 million was awarded to Blackhawk Constructors of San Antonio" to remodel a building in Port Angeles for new Border Patrol offices. Completion of the project is planned for September 2011.

The current facilities were designed for 4 officers, but the station now has 24 officers after seeing an increase between 2006-2009. The planned facility will accommodate up to 50 officers, a doubling of the current already-high number. While the Border Patrol has not commented publicly on their exact plans for expansion, the required environmental study submitted for the project stated "Due to a six-fold increase in staff, the existing Port Angeles Border Patrol Station is severely overcrowded", and "Future staff expansion is anticipated" (*Peninsula Daily News*, "Border Patrol Headquarters Contract Awarded," 3-4-11).

Border Patrol has continued to board buses of the privately owned Olympic Bus Lines in Discovery Bay to check individuals' immigration status, despite the protests of local/regional community groups like Forks Human Rights Group and Stop the Checkpoints, who have organized in response to the militarization and surveillance of their communities. These groups are working to document the impact of these actions on local communities, and protest the continued intimidation of long-time community members, workers, and their families. Meanwhile, the immigrant community feels the constant presence and intimidation of Border Patrol and I.C.E. officers, and lives with the insecurity of not knowing what might happen when they leave the house to go to work or the store. For more information on the work of Stop the Checkpoints on the Olympic Peninsula, see www.stopthecheckpoints.com.

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The Border Patrol claims that its increased focus on the Olympic Peninsula is necessary for the protection of the northern border from terrorists and the smuggling of people and illicit drugs. But the greatest impact has been on the community of immigrant workers and their families who live and work in the region.

At the upcoming Bridges Not Walls workshop in **Olympia on April 17th**, presenter Benjamin Prado, Coordinator of the San Diego U.S./Mexico Border Program of the American Friends Service Committee, will share tools for documenting I.C.E. and Border Patrol activity based on his years of experience working with local communities to monitor police and immigration actions on the border. Benjamin will also be facilitating a similar training with the community in Forks during his visit to this region.

Contact bridgesnotwalls@riseup.net for more information, or call 360-427-3756.

www.oly-wa.us/bridges

Bridges Not Walls is a coalition of community members from the South Sound region of Washington State who have united to address issues of immigration in our community. We believe immigrants, regardless of legal status, deserve to be treated with dignity. We seek to make our communities a place where the contributions of immigrants are valued and respected. We work in solidarity with the immigrant communities in our area to promote human rights, economic rights, and civil rights for all people.

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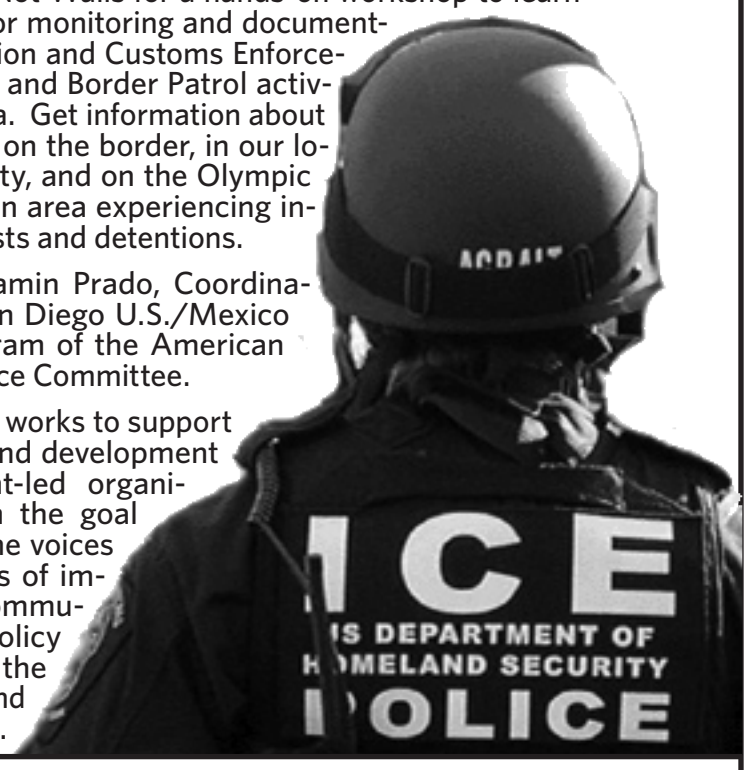
Led by Benjamin Prado, Coordinator of the San Diego U.S./Mexico Border Program of the American Friends Service Committee.

This program works to support the growth and development of immigrant-led organizations, with the goal of bringing the voices and concerns of immigrant communities into policy debates at the local, state, and national level.



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Firdos Square, Iraq - 2003

This is what a fake revolution looks like

Tahrir Square, Egypt - 2011

This is what a REAL revolution looks like

Why Wisconsin? How history set the stage for rebellion

by Zoltan Grossman

The Spirit of Wisconsin has inspired millions of Americans, as labor protests in the state continue to confront union-busting Governor Scott Walker. Because public employee unions and public education are under attack across the country, an immense wave of solidarity has embraced the Wisconsin Rebellion. People around the U.S. want to learn the tactics of the uprising to emulate it in their own states, and learn why Wisconsin's grassroots movement grew so large, so rapidly.

I am a geography professor (and faculty union member), who edited an atlas of Wisconsin history, and was active over three decades in Wisconsin grassroots organizing and media. I moved six years ago to Olympia, Washington, and now teach at The Evergreen State College, as a proud member of the Cheesehead Diaspora. We understand how Wisconsin's rich social history provides a larger context for the current Rebellion. A combination of Midwestern progressive values, alliance building, and community culture have historically stimulated and shaped grassroots politics in the state. In our 21st Century society of Big Box stores, it is difficult to detect histories of resistance, but the Wisconsin Rebellion shows how deeply embedded they still are in many people.

Progressive History

Wisconsin's history has been one of resistance by people who banded together to protect what is theirs. Because Native American nations in the region resisted forced removal to the West, most managed to remain in their homelands. Most immigrants to Wisconsin in the 1850s were Germans fleeing repression after the failed 1848 revolution. As the Progressive Senator Robert M. LaFollette wrote, Wisconsin had "a rare and exceptional people. The spirit of liberty stirring throughout Europe...gave us political refugees who were patriots and hardy peasants, seeking free government."

Like elsewhere in the country, Milwaukee workers struck for an 8-hour day in 1886, and lost seven workers in the infamous Bay View Massacre. Populist farmers took on the railroad companies during the 1890s Depression, sparking the formation of a Progressive Republican movement that briefly took power in the 1910s. The Progressive Party split from the Republicans and took power during the 1930s Depression (like the Farmer-Labor Party in Minnesota), and dairy farmers launched "milk strikes" against creamery middlemen who were skimming off their income.

Unemployment benefits and workers' comp laws, vocational schools, and the AFSCME public employee union all started in Wisconsin. After World War II, the Left-Populism of the LaFollette family lost its competition with the Right-Populism of Joe McCarthy (who resembles today's Tea Partiers). But Wisconsin leaders of all political stripes still had to appeal to the "common people" and Milwaukee elected Socialist mayors all through the 1950s.

The trend continued into the 1960s-70s with the strong antiwar movement that resisted the Vietnam "War at Home," into the 1980s with the anti-apartheid and family farm movements (which besieged the Capitol), and into the 1990s-2000s with rural environmental alliances against mining, energy and water corporations. Even many conservative-looking Wisconsin citizens have an ingrained anti-corporate consciousness.

The rallies evoke the feeling of grassroots movements rather than political campaigns, because Wisconsinites would rather have a real party than join a political party.

Wisconsin people have a pride in their own communities--particularly in farm and union households--that is often stronger than their loyalty to political parties or bureaucratic nonprofits. Even the professional football team is owned by the People, and some of its players are now joining the Rebellion. This is the history that Scott Walker is running up against, and he is not as skillful as previous Republican governors at playing this game.

Alliance Building

The geography of Wisconsin also offers opportunities to bring together people from different walks of life. The state is a meeting ground of the agricultural Midwest, industrial Great Lakes, and resource-based Northwoods. Building statewide movements is a challenging exercise in intersecting different economies, historical experiences, class and ethnic/racial identities, and generations.

The 1990s statewide anti-mining movement transcended these divides, bringing together environmentalists with unionists, urban students with rural residents, and Native American nations with their former enemies in white sportfishing groups. They were all united in their concern for clean water, and their powerful alliance defeated Exxon and the world's largest mining companies. The chairman of a county Republican Party once set up a table at his county fair, took off the brochures for the pro-mining Republican governor, and substituted them with leaflets against Exxon.

It seemed unusual when Wisconsin police officers refused to arrest Capitol protesters and instead joined them. In Washington State, everyone assumed that the cops would attack protesters, as they often do here. In that kind of atmosphere, it is easy to quickly dehumanize your enemy, and polarize a conflict. It is rarely understood that people's brains have multiple impulses, often resulting in contradictory beliefs and actions. In Wisconsin's political history, even some Republicans have this split consciousness, and are open to a heartfelt anti-corporate appeal that assumes our common humanity.

Wisconsin social movements have also had some major weaknesses that prevented statewide alliances. Madison white activists would often elevate the city's radical history and status as a state capital and central university campus, and ignore the rest of the state as a cultural-political wasteland. But it is remarkable how quickly this urban-rural divide has been overcome in 2011, in a Rebellion that encompasses diverse regions and ethnic/racial identities. State employees and supporters have come to the Capitol from Milwaukee, the industrial Fox Valley, rural farm towns, and the small cities such as Eau Claire, LaCrosse, and Janesville. They have also held their own large rallies in these small cities that that have become the real battlegrounds for the heart and soul of America.

Midwestern Sense of Community

Social movement alliances have flourished in Wisconsin because of a sense of community that emerges from Midwestern history. Like elsewhere in America, Big Box stores have destroyed small businesses, and people have become more individualistic and isolated. However, deep social networks still exist and can make a difference when they become active. People with different opinions can pull together at key times when they use respectful communication and join together on issues where they agree. These relationships are not touchy-feely, but simply make people feel they belong in a community, that everyone has something to contribute, and that we can look to ourselves rather than to a political elite for the answers.

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Wisconsin historian Jack Holzhueter observes that many Madisonians are only one generation removed from the dairy farm, where everyone had to work together, and no one wanted to stick out. The same is true of labor households that value the idea of solidarity, even if their union bureaucracies no longer uphold class consciousness. Notice that the Wisconsin Uprising is not identified with any particular leader (or even group of leaders), because everyone is pitching in with the chores.

Living now on the West Coast, I have been struck by the culture of individualism here. Parks have benches for couples, but not many picnic tables for larger gatherings. Meetings sometimes start without round-robin introductions, rather than getting to know each other's names and stories. In moving West, many European Americans also moved from an extended family to a nuclear family, from richly ethnic communities to a homogeneous white racial identity, and from church socializing to secular isolation. Because the collective social fabric has been disrupted, it is more difficult to get people to agree and work together--but it is not impossible.

Rebuilding Community

Rebuilding a sense of community is vital not only to spark future Wisconsin Rebellions, but to enable greater individual creativity. Most of the signs in the protests (and solidarity rallies around the country) have been handmade and humorous, not prefab and dour. The rallies evoke the feeling of grassroots movements rather than political campaigns, because Wisconsinites would rather have a real party than join a political party. This Rebellion is not just about Democratic politicians finally finding their spines; it is about working people who are finding their own voice and their own collective strength.

Organizers around the country are learning and drawing on their own states' progressive histories and community traditions. Each generation has something to offer, and can learn from each other, and each generation also has the potential to develop new tactics and do the unexpected. Effective alliance-builders are trying to weave together different issues without weakening the identities of distinct social groups. They are getting out of the progressive ghettos, and trying to bring together different regions within their state that represent different economic and ethnic/racial histories.

But the Spirit of Wisconsin is not just about political tactics and strategies. It is about building a greater sense of community through warmth and hospitality. It is about gathering to share food and exchange ideas, rather than simply having meetings. It is about overcoming apathy and fear through strengthening our social bonds. Americans are trying to find this real human solidarity in our own towns and neighborhoods, rather than simply waiting for the next rally or election. Wisconsin shows us what is possible in America, but change always begins at home.

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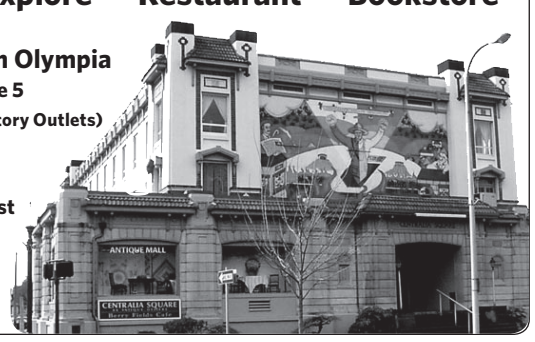

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in 1920, "No woman can call herself free until she can choose consciously whether she will or will not be a mother." Family planning is good for the budget and essential to the empowerment of all people. We cannot deny women these essential services under the guise of deficit reduction or moral superiority. Cutting these preventive programs will actually result in greater damage and health care costs, not fewer. Cutting family planning and preventative healthcare is bad policy any way you look at it.

Recently a group of energetic and creative folks got together to support our beloved local clinic and to show what Olympia really looks like. This is the energy we truly wish to extend; local talents have letterpressed and painted beautiful signs, silk-screened t-shirts, donated food, and created music mixes to play as we celebrate in support of Planned Parenthood.

We are there every Friday from 7:30am until 1:30pm. This is a time to see the faces of allies and friends. It is a time to show people what Olympia really stands for. If you are financially able, please also consider donating to Planned Parenthood because now more then ever they need our support. March 9-April 17 outsiders from the national 40 Days for Life anti-choice campaign sit outside clinics all around the country. Please consider donating $40 to Planned Parenthood for each day they spend shaming our community for making healthy choices. And don't worry, we will make sure and let them know how much they have raised.

Please join us. Come stand with Planned Parenthood and with your community. We stand out front of the clinic to show our love and support. The efforts of few have made a great impact on many. All throughout the day cars drive by honking, waving, and thanking us. Many locals come up and hand us generous donations to pass along to Planned Parenthood. Patients and workers in the clinic have both shared how much it means to see and hear the positive messages of support. The mood is always festive and social with a diverse crowd. As we pull together as a community, we show where our true values lie.

Join the Planned Parenthood support rallies every Friday. Make sure everyone knows the anti-choice protesters don't represent Olympia!
Photos by Sarah Adams

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er-folk, and increase costs for the town, public water, and sewer utilities, among other concerns. Hoping to stop the project, community groups took the company to court for failing to conduct an environmental review. A district judge initially sided with the community, but Nestlé won an appeal that overturned the previous ruling.

The corporation has tried to quell unrest by emphasizing the jobs it will bring to McCloud, and the boost it will give to the local economy. While job generation might sound compelling, proponents of

To convince towns to give up water resources, bottled water executives have exaggerated the employment opportunities at their new facilities. They promise jobs that will boost local economies, but towns actually get stuck with only a few low-wage, dangerous jobs.

the bottling plant have exaggerated the scale and quality of these jobs.

Nestlé says it will employ 60 people initially and 240 if the plant reaches full capacity. However, ECONorthwest, an economics consulting firm, found that these jobs would go mostly to people who do not currently live in McCloud. Nestlé will hire current town residents for only seasonal and low-paying jobs, entry-level positions that pay about $10 an hour. At that wage, the corporation will pay only two-thirds of what a typical McCloud resident earned in 2000.

Meanwhile, the bottling plant could scare away several higher paying employers, partly by congesting public services and infrastructure. To transport the water bottles, large trucks will need to make 600 trips a day, which will considerably increase traffic on local roads, reduce the community's quality of life, and repel other businesses.

Because other employers leave town after a large plant opens, Nestlé's plant would increase the county employment by at most 70 jobs – 10 to 40 percent of which will go to McCloud residents. This means the plant will add only a dozen or so jobs to McCloud's economy. Bringing in so few jobs, the plant is unlikely to stimulate an economically depressed town and may ultimately cost McCloud more than its fresh mountain springs.

But plastic water bottles are recyclable!

Theoretically, yes, but usually not. After millions of barrels of oil are used to produce and ship plastic water bottles, nearly 90% of them land in the garbage instead of the recycle bin. These bottles will become so much litter, or sit in landfills for centuries.

What you can do

• Take the pledge to break the bottled water habit and spread the word:

1. Choose tap water over bottled water whenever possible;

2. Use a refillable bottle with tap water.

• Just kicking the bottle in favor of the tap is not enough. Our cities and towns need continued investment in pipes and treatment plants to ensure that future generations have access to safe, affordable, public water. Ask your local officials and members of Congress to support funding healthy public water and water treatment.

Even though it makes up only 2% of the U.S. population, the corporate elite has a formidable array of financial, lobbying, and legal staff at its command to overpower the needs of citizens. The Doctrine of Corporate Personhood enables the elite to legally employ its vast resources to get the policies they want to further enrich themselves and dominate society by overpowering the needs of real people. Senators and congresspeople are often on a first-name basis with corporate lobbyists.

This is a pivotal issue; Corporate Personhood is an obstacle blocking the road to social, economic, and environmental progress.

The only way we have a chance against corporate dictatorship is to *stand together*. Join the Move to Amend coalition to amend our state and federal Constitutions to reserve "legal personhood" for only real, flesh-and-blood people, not corporations.

Progress

People have won real victories in protecting their water resources — from the small coastal town of Montara, California, to the highlands of Cochabamba, Bolivia, to the great city of New Orleans. Over the last three years, public resistance stopped at least 17 possible sales and concessions of public water systems to private companies. Food & Water Watch worked with local coalitions in several of these communities, including Trenton, Milwaukee, Akron and Marion, Ind.

The war being waged against us by the Transnational Corporations rages on.

Food & Water Watch works to ensure the food, water, and fish we consume is safe, accessible and sustainable. So we can all enjoy and trust in what we eat and drink, we help people take charge of where their food comes from, keep clean, affordable, public tap water flowing freely to our homes, protect the environmental quality of oceans, force government to do its job protecting citizens, and educate about the importance of keeping our shared resources under public control.

http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/water/bottled/

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in the cases against many activists and political prisoners such as Judi Bari, Leonard Peltier and Geronimo Pratt.

After the shooting, threats and harassment continued. After the SAO began threatening liberals as well as radicals and bombed a pornography theater where some police were present, the San Diego police demanded that the FBI reveal their informants in the Secret Army Organizations. Many of its members were arrested in the summer of 1972 on numerous charges. Government lawyers hired by the FBI claimed various privileges, including the privilege to not have to reveal much of their behavior. The full FBI involvement in this attempted murder didn't come out although one FBI agent was forced to resign. Godfrey, the FBI informant and provocateur in the Secret Army Organization (SAO) didn't go to prison although two other members of the SAO did.

In 1971, the FBI visited my employer, and there was complicity on the part of Governor Ronald Reagan in openly political charges against me such as that I gave preference for admission into my classes to women and students of color.

What is the relevance of this past history?

First, COINTELPRO supposedly ended in April 1971, but everything that was part of COINTELPRO continued against me for many years, e.g., phone taps and opening my mail, FBI and Red Squads of police departments visiting employers and potential employers. Most of this has been revealed through Freedom of Information Act requests. FBI criminality has continued against other groups and individuals such as the American Indian Movement, La Raza Unida Party in Texas, CISPES, Judi Bari and Earth First and radical environmental and animal rights activists, and recent protesters against the Democratic and Republican National Convention, and many others. So we cannot accept their claim that COINTELPRO ended in April, 1971, it continues today without that name. An example is the September, 2010 raids by the FBI in Chicago and Minneapolis.

Key repression has been and continues to be most fierce against Black, Chicano, Native American and other liberation movements. The FBI targeted César Chávez and the United Farm Workers although it was a totally non-violent and pacifist movement. They viciously targeted Martin Luther King. Although not as murderous and common, repression is also used against whites who challenge this oppressive global capitalist system. COINTELPRO and the police agencies have attacked most directly the Black Liberation movement, and also the Chicano, Puerto Rican and American Indian movements, but it does not stop there. All of us who stand up for justice and in solidarity become the enemy of those who run this country. In building movements for liberation, it is absolutely necessary that we support our sisters and brothers who have been victims of political repression, and that we support in ways small and big political prisoners such as Mumia Abu-Jamal, Leonard Peltier and others less well known. The Jericho Movement deserves a lot of credit for continuing to support political prisoners.

To weaken this repressive apparatus, we should learn about it and educate the left broadly about the limited nature of U.S. democracy. COINTELPRO-type behavior by the government requires secrecy because it so clearly violates the rhetoric of democracy and civil rights. It is analogous to the secrecy that the WTO, IMF, World Bank and multinational corporations require in order to impose their economic violence on people around the world. Let us intensify the pressure and expose these international organizations as well as the repressive apparatus at home and sponsored by the U.S abroad. The most vicious current government attacks are in the U.S. organized torture centers in Afghanistan and Guantanamo, and are on immigrants, mainly Muslim and/or Arab and Arab-American who are often held in secret with no rights, beaten, deported with no evidence whatsoever. Anti-communism was used as the excuse to justify much of the repression from the 1950's to the 1970's. So was calling someone a Black or Chicano militant. Today, the word "terrorist" is being used in the same way. Don't fall for these slanders; check out the evidence. The government and the media can lie, and do so often; be skeptical when you hear charges against someone (such as that they are terrorists or support terrorism), or you hear a movement being slandered.

Demand the release of Portland resident, Lumumba Ford, who committed no crime but was falsely called a terrorist and sentenced to 18 years in prison in 2003. The labels, anarchism and anarchist, are also used falsely to belittle movements and/or individuals as mindlessly violent whose supposed aim is to create chaos and disorder and destruction.

Learn about the Patriot Act, protest against it, prevent its extension, demand it be repealed, and support those who are being detained and deported. Also learn about the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force and resist Portland Police participation in it.

Some guidelines based on my experiences:

Infiltration—Infiltration will happen. If we are paranoid about people joining our groups, those in power win. We remain small and isolated. I often got anonymous phone calls about people who I was told were police agents who I am sure weren't. If people act suspiciously, a trusted person in the group can check into the person's background.

Psychological warfare—Try to build principled unity, don't believe everything you hear or read about other activists—check out rumors, limit gossip.

Legal system—Don't talk to the FBI or police or to a grand jury investigating political activists. Develop relations with movement lawyers, such as from the National Lawyers Guild, who will defend and advise you. Build support through petitions, through broad coalitions with people who you have differences with but who oppose government repression and spying, or spying done by private security firms. Try to get favorable stories in the media, get support from politicians.

Right-wing violence and harassment—Make it public. Have duplicates of your records and files. Limit their break-ins. Support each other. Work with mainstream groups to oppose them.

For example, in 2006, the Nazis from the National Socialist Movement who came to Olympia, many were from Portland. They threatened my life and others' in Olympia. We need to build broad coalitions for civil liberties and against white-supremacist groups.

It's important to be aware of what the government has done and is doing today—*but not to be paralyzed into inaction from fear.* If the fear of repression frightens us and others into inaction, those in power have been successful. Our best defense is a good offense, to continue to speak up and act in ways small and big and strategically to build alternatives and to fight the power.

In acting for justice, do not be constrained by the law, but consider the consequences of all possible actions. Don't try to get people to do what they don't want to do. Be honest, although details may have to be kept secret in direct action.

Build movements for justice that cross generations. Youth and students are key, but so are older people who haven't sold out—we can learn from each other. We didn't do enough of this in the 1960's and 1970's, e.g. learning from those who faced repression during the McCarthy witch hunts of the 1950's We need to build multi-generational movements and groups. Students and young people have played a huge role all over the world in liberation movements, e.g., today in Egypt, Tunisia and Libya. Older people, if they are not resting on their laurels as movement veterans and demanding to be followed, can make important contributions by sharing their experiences and knowledge. Age is one of the many divides we need to overcome.

I know I have talked about some events from 35-40 years ago but I would like to conclude by linking more closely the past to the present.

• One of the reasons I faced repression is because I was trying to build unity among different groups: campus, anti-war, women, Chicano, Black, worker, young, old, immigrant and non-immigrant, documented and undocumented workers. We must challenge racism and racial inequality in whatever we do.

Much of the Patriot Act and the increased power being given to the FBI legalizes COINTELPRO-like tactics, whose primary target today is the Arab-American and Muslim communities.

If we are going to build a decent, humane society, we need to build coalitions, alliances, far stronger than we did in the 1960's and 1970's, utilizing those who see what we are facing as a destructive and exploitative global capitalist system (although not necessarily using those words). We need to challenge all of the -isms of racism, sexism, heterosexism, as we work for a goal of a different society. We also need to learn about and develop a vision of what kind of society we would like to live in, and share this knowledge with our friends, neighbors, family, fellow students, and many more. We should be courageous and bold, but we should not be arrogant or act morally superior. The more support we have, the more we reach out, the more difficult it is to isolate us and attack us.

• The role of the law and the courts and police are set up and used to maintain this unjust, racist, patriarchal and imperialist economic system. That was true in the 1960's and it is true today. Let us create a system where the dignity of all humans living in harmony with the environment are put at the center, where good food, adequate shelter, quality healthcare and education are rights for all, where militarism is ended. Fundamentally changing the status quo will often mean breaking the law. Our goal is justice, not legality. Voting and lobbying will not end injustice. Obama will not end injustice.

This does not mean proving how radical and militant we are by breaking windows or throwing rocks. These are tactics, not strategies. We must consider what is effective! Are we building a growing movement that can educate, organize and win, or are we trying to show how radical and macho we are?

• Repression is very real and serious but we should not exaggerate its severity. It is worse in many other countries such as Libya and Palestine, and people continue to resist injustice and oppression. So can we in the United States.

We can best honor those who have been murdered by our government and their agents, such as Fred Hampton of the Black Panther Party in Chicago in 1969, or Ruben Salazar killed during the Chicano moratorium in the protest against the Vietnam war in 1970 in Los Angeles, or the students at Kent and Jackson State in May, 1970, and thousands of others, not by mourning but by organizing, by building movements that put into practice solidarity across borders that are inclusive in all the important ways—class, gender, race, sexual orientation, language, immigrant status and age—that resist boldly and courageously all forms of inequality and environmental degradation. We need to challenge and stop U.S. aggression abroad, and work together to overthrow this insane profit system where farm workers make $7 an hour and are poisoned by pesticides, where over 2 million are in prison while Wall Street gets even wealthier, where immigrants are being scapegoated for the economic crisis through racist anti-immigrant laws like 1070 in Arizona, which other states are copying. Let us build a society based on cooperation, sustainability, where work is meaningful and production is organized around need and not greed, where global poverty is abolished, where the Earth is cherished and not destroyed, and equality in all forms and democracy become reality, not rhetoric. It may sound like dreaming but it is more realistic than thinking that the U.S. capitalist society can continue the way it is going for hundreds of years into the future.

Thank you for listening. Power to the People!

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Israelis, when in fact, the number of Israeli deaths is significantly less than Palestinian deaths. And the amount of Israeli violence against Palestinians is exponentially greater than Palestinian violence. An Israeli friend of mine characterizes the conflict as "the fourth largest military power in the world backed by the world's only superpower 'vs' a mostly-unarmed civilian population."

I doubt many people know that more than 80 Palestinian children were killed during the Second Uprising *before* the first Israeli child was? (www.rememberthesechildren.org) It is additionally alarming to see how many of those Palestinian children died from gunshot wounds to the head or upper body.

You can find statistics about the under-reportage of Palestinian deaths, including Palestinian children's deaths, on the website www.IfAmericansKnew.org. Check out the media reports on that site for *Associated Press* [AP], the *New York Times* [NYT] and ABC, CBS, NBC. See also the Americans United for Palestinian Human Rights [AUPHR] study entitled "*Oregonian* Biases Covering the Palestine/Israel conflict" to see similar disparities between number of Israeli deaths reported "v" number of Palestinian deaths reported.

The same article from the Associated Press about the murder of the Fogel family in Itamar settlement included this problematic phrase as well: "...and the combination of deadly violence against Israelis and the new settlement construction was likely to deepen the mutual distrust" -- as though it is only Israel's "new" settlement-building that's problematic (not it's decades of settlement-building), and not Israel's ongoing deadly violence against Palestinians, that deepens the mutual distrust.

I wrote to AP, the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Tacoma News Tribune* to ask them to correct their assertion that there had been a "lull in deadly violence." (The *News Tribune* doesn't generate international stories but rather picks up stories from *LA Times* and others.) I also asked that those who do generate the stories to please resource PCHR, B'Tselem, and elsewhere on a weekly basis to learn about – so they can write about – the ongoing violence being perpetrated by settlers and the Israeli government against, in most cases, defenseless Palestinians. The Israeli settlers illegally living in the Occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem have declared a policy of violence against Palestinians called "price tag," intending to make Palestinians pay for any Israeli government attempts to empty illegal Israeli settler outposts (which often then later get hooked to "the grid" and turned into an official settlement). You can read any week's report from PCHR to get a sense of the level of that violence: assaults on Palestinians (including murder); violence against Palestinian livestock; destruction of Palestinian property; uprooting of olive trees and other destruction of Palestinian crops; verbal abuse and other harassment. It's awful.

And that's part of what U.S. aid is enabling. Washington State's share of the $30 billion promised to Israel over 10 years is a *whopping 3/4 of a billion dollars* (www.aidtoisrael.org). That money could be so much better spent here in Washington State helping people rather than helping Israel to violate Palestinian human rights and deny Palestinians their freedom.

There have been too many Palestinian and Israeli deaths already. Please, help end the conflict now. Call on Congress to stop giving aid to Israel that's used to violate Palestinian human rights (and thereby violates US law, as well as international law). Together, we citizens of the world can make the difference our governments – and our corporate media -- have failed to make.

See this article at www.olywip.org for links and sources. Linda Frank is a longtime social justice activist and resident of Tacoma. You can read more by Linda at http://workforjusticenow.com/blog

Olympia FOR says "Bring Our Billion$ Home!"

by Chuck Schultz

Congress accepted the entire military budget uncritically, while they cut social programs severely. They pruned the budget of such items as Head Start, health care, heat for seniors, job training, land and water conservation, and transportation. At the same time, they said the military budget was untouchable.

Local citizens responded strongly to Congressional actions. The Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation (WWFOR) began a campaign titled "Bring Our Billion$ Home." They hope to direct some military funds to communities' needs?

WWFOR is part of the 95-year-old international group dedicated to peace, justice, and nonviolence. Its local members in the Olympia FOR tackle the Bring Our Billion$ Home (BOBH) campaign with specific projects. They will inform Congress about the public wishes and will encourage fellow citizens to do the same. They are making plans to confer with Congress by phone, email, letters, and in person.

Supporters of the large military budget say it is necessary "to protect our way of life." However, funding for schools, housing, clean energy, health care, and loans for small businesses also protect our way of life. Critics ask why the whole "defense budget" is not scrutinized as is the budget for social programs.

Critics think the defense budget provides more than enough money to protect our nation. In fact, the U. S. defense budget exceeds that of any 14 other nations combined. There is funding for offensive weapon systems. That is, weapons that would not be used to defend the U. S., but to attack other nations. Budget items for offensive weaponry include long range bombing capability, aircraft carriers, and attack submarines. There is even money to enhance the effectiveness of nuclear weapons. A buildup of offensive weapons could make the nation less safe by inviting a preemptive attack.

On January 11, Defense Secretary Robert Gates admitted to some slack in his budget. He mentioned waste and obsolete weapon systems. Rather than reduce the total defense budget, he wants to shift unneeded funds to other defense budget items.

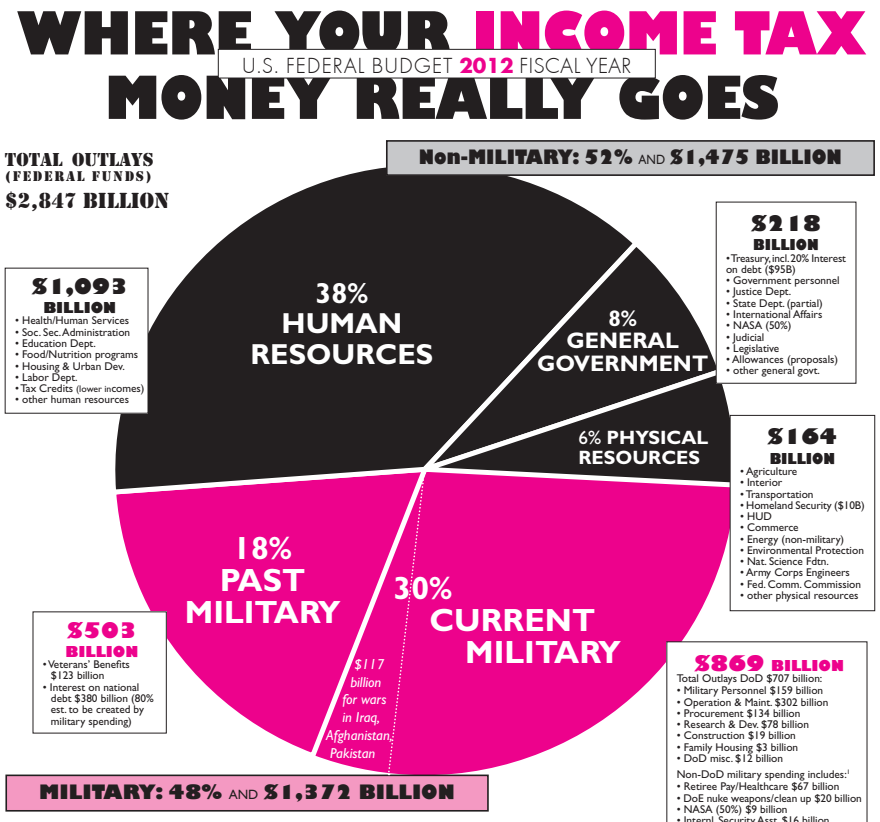
Bring our Billion$ Home teamed with Veterans for Peace to bring Congressman Dennis Kucinich to town to speak on the campaign topic. He talked of the Cost of War to an overflowing crowd at the Capitol Theater. Before the talk BOBH members passed out copies of a calendar they had made. Calendar pictures showed local residents with campaign signs. One sign read "Redirect military spending for schools & education." Another said "Build a peace economy."

Another BOBH project is Postcards One by One. Each month on the day of the month that matches their birthday, participants will send a postcard to their congressional representative. Postcards will urge the representative to limit excess war spending. Other community groups are invited to adopt the project. Anyone interested can call Gus Formuth at (360) 867-1731 for details.

The whole community will have a chance to Turn the Budget Around at Heritage Park on May 22. People will gather near Capitol Lake to build a wall of boxes representing the federal budget. Each box will represent a military cost on one side and a social program of similar cost on the other side. Paint, drawing material, and cardboard boxes will be provided at the park. Anyone may contribute more boxes. People may also bring boxes they have already decorated. For details about "Turning the Budget Around" call Pat Holm at (360) 357-4151. Also, anyone who wishes to help plan or carry out the event can call Pat. After decorating the boxes with bright colors, participants will build a wall to represent possible uses for taxes. This event is designed to help neighbors visualize the kind of community they want. The Artesian Rumble Arkestra will play music during the event. Additional entertainment is planned.

BOBH meets every third Saturday. The meeting just before Turning the Budget Around is at 10:00 am on May 21. It will meet at 9th and Columbia in the Washington State Labor Council's big room on the 3rd floor.

Meanwhile BOBH prepares to visit legislators and create other projects. They see an enormous task ahead, as Congress has shown itself irresponsible as it enhances the largest military force on earth while our communities crumble.


WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES
U.S. FEDERAL BUDGET 2012 FISCAL YEAR
TOTAL OUTLAYS (FEDERAL FUNDS) $2,847 BILLION
Non-MILITARY: 52% AND $1,475 BILLION
$1,093 BILLION
• Health/Human Services
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• Food/Nutrition programs
• Housing & Urban Dev.
• Labor Dept.
• Tax Credits (lower incomes)
• other human resources
38% HUMAN RESOURCES
8% GENERAL GOVERNMENT
$218 BILLION
• Treasury, incl. 20% Interest on debt ($95B)
• Government personnel
• Justice Dept.
• State Dept. (partial)
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• NASA (50%)
• Judicial
• Legislative
• Allowances (proposals)
• other general govt.
6% PHYSICAL RESOURCES
$164 BILLION
• Agriculture
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• other physical resources
18% PAST MILITARY
30% CURRENT MILITARY
$117 billion for wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan
$503 BILLION
• Veterans' Benefits $123 billion
• Interest on national debt $380 billion (80% est. to be created by military spending)
$869 BILLION
Total Outlays DoD $707 billion:
• Military Personnel $159 billion
• Operation & Maint. $302 billion
• Procurement $134 billion
• Research & Dev. $78 billion
• Construction $19 billion
• Family Housing $3 billion
• DoD misc. $12 billion
Non-DoD military spending includes:1
• Retiree Pay/Healthcare $67 billion
• DoE nuke weapons/clean up $20 billion
• NASA (50%) $9 billion
• Internl. Security Asst. $16 billion
• Homeland Secur. (military) $36 billion
• State Dept. (partial) $4 billion
• FBI military $7 billion
• other $3 billion
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MILITARY: 48% AND $1,372 BILLION
HOW THESE FIGURES WERE DETERMINED
"Current military" includes Dept. of Defense ($707 billion) and the military portion from other departments as noted in current military box above ($162 billion). "Past military" represents veterans' benefits plus 80% of the interest on the debt.* For further explanation, please go to www.warresisters.org.
These figures are from an analysis of detailed tables in the Analytical Perspectives book of the Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2012. The figures are federal funds, which do not include trust funds — such as Social Security — that are raised and spent separately from income taxes. What you pay (or don't pay) by April 18, 2011, goes to the federal funds portion of the budget. The government practice of combining Trust and Federal funds began during the Vietnam War, thus making the human needs portion of the budget seem larger and the military portion smaller.
*Analysts differ on how much of the debt stems from the military; other groups estimate 50% to 60%. We use 80% because we believe if there had been no military spending most (if not all) of the national debt would h ave been eliminated.
The Government's Deception
The pie chart (right) is the government view of the budget. This is a distortion of how our income tax dollars are spent because it includes Trust Funds (e.g., Social Security), and the expenses of past military spending are not distinguished from nonmilitary spending. For a more accurate representation of how your Federal income tax dollar is really spent, see the large graph.
Source: 1040 Forms and Instructions 2010, Federal Outlays for FY 2009
Social Security, retirement, Medicare 34%
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Regularly held events

PFLAG Olympia
2nd Sunday, 2:00 PM
First United Methodist Church
1224 Legion Way SE in Olympia

Sunday, March 13: Rosalinda Noriega from Partners in Prevention Education (PiPE) speaks on *The Roots of Violence and Oppression.* https://youthchangeagents.org.

This program was originally scheduled for February but had to be rescheduled. Rosalinda's talk will begin at 3 p.m.

Drunken Poetry
Last Word Books
211 East 4th Olympia
1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:30-9:30pm

Readings operate on a first-come first-serve sign-up basis. Details/requirements are complicated so check out the Last Word Books website for more information. http://www.lastwordbooks.org

Drinking Liberally
1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, 7 pm
Bally Hoo Irish Pub & Restaurant
316 Schmidt Place, Tumwater

Local chapter of loosely structured national organization dedicated to discussion of liberal and progressive politics.

Volunteers Needed to Sort and Box Medical Supplies
Providence Health Int'l / CHUMA,
2601 Willamette Drive NE, Suite G, Lacey

No experience is necessary. Volunteers must be at least 14. CHUMA Int'l (Catholic Health United for Medical Assistance) practices global solidarity and environmental stewardship by ensuring useful medical supplies and equipment are shared with charitable health-care organizations in economically developing countries.

Supplies are sent to Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Haiti, Cuba, Brazil, Uganda, and other countries. Help CHUMA's volunteer efforts. Contact Ray Reyes at 493-5641 or raymond.reyes@providence.org

F.O.R. TV Program
Mondays at 1:30 pm
Thursdays at 9:00pm
Channel 22

February program: http://www.olympiafor.org/tv_programs.htm

If you live outside of Thurston County or if you don't have cable TV, you can watch 60+ of Fellowship Of Reconciliation's recent TV programs on your computer! Visit www.olympiafor.org then click the link for TV Programs and click any program you want to watch.

Memoir Writing Group
Tuesdays, 1-3 PM
State Capitol Museum,
211 21st Ave SW, Olympia,
360-753-2580

The Memoir Writing Group at the State Capital Museum has been meeting regularly for nearly two years. The group explores the past through writing and assembling their memoirs. Lead by Delores Kelso Nelson, a writer and teacher in the Olympia area for over 15 years, the memoir class serves participants by igniting lost memories, supporting practicing memoir writers, and offering a chance to socialize. cost is $6 per class or 5 classes for $24

Peace Vigil
NW corner of Sylvester Park
Wednesdays 12 pm: Legion & Capitol

Please come for all or part of the hour to witness in a very friendly way for peace and nonviolence. We provide plenty of signs. Olympia Fellowship Of Reconciliation has sponsored this since 1980. 491-9093 or glen@olympiafor.org

The Other Bank
Wednesdays 1:00-3:30pm
YWCA, 220 Union Ave SE, Olympia

The YWCA Other Bank provides free hygiene and cleaning supplies to families in need -- items that cannot be purchased with food stamps and not available at food banks, yet are essential for maintaining health and personal dignity. Items include: toilet paper, laundry and dish detergent, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, soap, tampons and pads, cleaning products, etc. 360-352-0593

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Stonewall Youth Support Groups
Wednesdays -- 705-2738
4:30-6:30pm for 21 and under group
7-9pm for 18+ group.

Stonewall Youth is an organization of youth, activists, and allies that empowers lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQQIA) youth to speak for themselves, educate their communities, and support each other. Stonewall Youth envisions a community in which all queer, gender variant, and gender non-conforming youth have a full spectrum of choices regarding their bodies, self-expression, and legal rights. www.stonwallyouth.org info@stonewallyouth.org

Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace (OMJP)
Monthly Meetings
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7 pm

Work on a variety of global and local issues. Larry 866-2404 lmosque-da@comcast.net

Veterans for Peace, locally produced
Wednesdays, 5 pm
Fridays, 9 - 10 pm
Thurston County TV (TCTV)

Info: Dennis Mills 867-1487 mills.dennis@comcast.net

"Parallel University"
Thursdays, 12 - 1 pm:
89.3 FM or kaos.evergreen.edu/

Informative programs about peace, social justice, the environment, progressive politics, and other alternative viewpoints. parralleluniversity@yahoo.com

Women in Black
Every Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 pm:
W. 4th Avenue, near the fountain

Women only. Please wear black. Some signs are provided. Women in Black is a loose network of women worldwide committed to peace with justice. Info: Karin 754-5352 kraftkf@comcast.net

Percival Landing Peace Vigil
Fridays, 4:30-6pm
4th Avenue and Water Street, Olympia

All welcome to come to witness in a very friendly way for peace and nonviolence. We provide plenty of signs. The Olympia Fellowship Of Reconciliation has sponsored this since 1998.
491-9093 or glen@olympiafor.org

Bread and Roses
Saturdays, 1-5 PM
1320 8th Ave SE, Olympia

We're building a food garden! By summertime, every square foot of land at the Bread & Roses community will be growing fruits, nuts, herbs, and vegetables for our community meals and for local soup kitchens and food banks. If you have a pickup truck, have yard tools to loan, are passionate about organic gardening or local food security, or if you just like doing fun projects with your neighbors, please come join us! There are many ways to be involved (painting, repairs, canning, preparing Saturday Supper, etc). Followed by Saturday Supper at 6:00pm. Saturday Supper Bread & Roses' volunteer hosts serve a gourmet meal Saturday evenings. http://www.breadandrosesolympia.org 754-4085

Community Special Events

Peace Works 2011: *Solidarity in Action*
Keynote speaker: Alice Walker
Rachel Corrie Foundation
April 8-9
The Evergreen State College, Olympia

Solidarity in Action includes two days of networking, panels and workshops. Panelists will address the current situation in Israel/Palestine, strategies for justice and peace, the growing international campaigns for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) and cross-movement building. Local and national organizers will facilitate workshops to educate, motivate and provide tools for community organizing. Workshop themes will include human rights and legal campaigns; consumer, campus, cultural and interfaith BDS efforts; the civil trial in Israel concerning Rachel Corrie's case; and strategies for using media, art and social networking to strengthen regional efforts for human rights and justice. The Olympia-Rafah Solidarity Mural Project will present the next phase of its downtown Olympia mural, one of the city's most beautiful and successful collaborative projects.

This weekend conference features acclaimed author and activist Alice Walker as keynote presenter. Walker's talk, entitled The Poet/Writer as Activist, will be at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts, Friday, April 8, at 7:30 pm.

Tickets are $25 for the general public; $12.50 for students and the low-income, and will be available at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts; 360-753-8586; http://www.washingtoncenter.org

Peace Works is an annual project of The Rachel Corrie Foundation, which continues the work that Rachel Corrie began with her vision, spirit and creative energy in mind.

For information, updates and registration, check www.rachelcorriefoundation.org/peaceworks/pw2011 or call the Rachel Corrie Foundation at 360-754-3998.

Dave: Metz: Crossing the Gates of Alaska
Last Word Books
Saturday, April 9, 7:30pm
211 East 4th Olympia

For a combined six months in 2007 and 2009, I endured a 900-mile journey across one of the Earth's last great wildernesses, the Brooks Range of Alaska. Traveling completely on foot with my two dogs, I followed torrential rivers, crossed wind-scoured mountains, faced tormenting hunger and isolation, and marched across vast tundra and trackless woodlands. I hiked along caribou trails, faced down wolves, moose, and bears, waded countless rivers, dodged forest fires, tended my tired dogs, and dozed under the magnificent glow of the midnight sun. Through it all I searched within myself to find my own personal limits and aspirations. I learned to let go of those I lost and to embrace all that I had while connecting with the natural world in a way I never dreamed possible.

Dave Metz has been to Alaska over a dozen times in the last twenty years. He kayaked across Alaska twice. He also kayaked and trekked in Peru, Brazil, Canada, and Borneo. He has a BA in English Literature form Portland State University. He lives in Philomath, Oregon.

Bridges Not Walls Olympia meeting
Sunday, April 10, 4PM
MIXX 96 building, State and Washington

Bridges Not Walls, from the South Sound region of Washington State, addresses issues of immigration in our community. We believe immigrants, regardless of legal status, deserve to be treated with dignity. We seek to make our communities a place where the contributions of immigrants are valued and respected. We oppose the fear and intimidation created by immigration enforcement in our region. Therefore, we work in solidarity with the immigrant communities in our area to promote human rights, economic rights and civil rights for all people.

Call 943-8642 for more information.

Stories of Sowing Seeds in collaboration w/Olympia Seed Exchange
Playback Theatre Performance
Friday, March 11, 7:30 pm
Traditions Cafe, 300 5th Ave SW, Olympia

Each month we invite a guest artist, community organization, arts program or social service agency to be a part of our performance. Through this collaboration we acknowledge and honor the work individuals and organizations do in our community.

This month we will be collaborating with Olympia Seed Exchange, a grassroots organization dedicated to seed sovereignty.

The Heartsparkle Players' Playback Theatre is a spontaneous collaboration between performers and audience. People tell moments from their lives, then watch them re-created with movement, music and dialogue.

Cost: Suggested donation $5.00-$10.00 (No one is turned away)

Events at Orca Books

Sunday, April 10, 2:30 pm
Orcapod Book Group

Tuesday, April 12, 6:00 pm
Brian Kahn
"Real Common Sense"

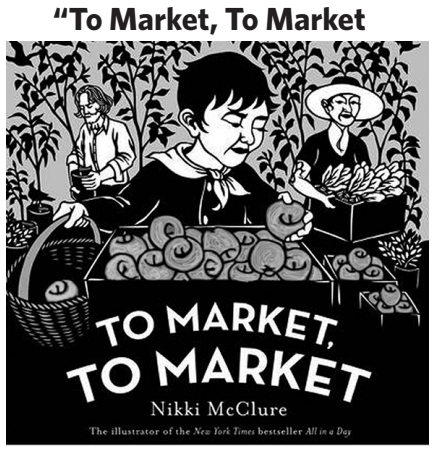
Sunday, April 24, 2:30 pm
Orca Writes!
Orca Books' Writing Group

Orca Writes is open to everyone. We meet the 4th Sunday of every month (except for Nov/Dec) from 2:30 to 4:30. Come try your hand at some writing exercises, and give/receive feedback on short writing pieces.

Thursday, April 28, 6:00pm
Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche
"Tibetan Sound Healing/Awakening the Sacred Body"

Wednesday, May 4, 6:00pm
Carolyne Wright/Bob McNamara
"Majestic Nights: Love Poems of Bengali Women"

Thursday, May 5, 6:00pm
Nikki McClure
"To Market, To Market



509 East 4th Avenue in downtown Olympia

BRICK Event - Claude Marks and COINTELPRO 101
Tuesday, April 12, 3pm
SPSCC Campus - Room TBD
COINTELPRO101 is an hour-long documentary that sheds light on the history of the FBI's once-secret Counterintelligence Program, COINTELPRO. COINTELPRO, which launched in the 1950's and was officially active until 1975, used illegal means to disrupt, destroy and devastate movements for social change inside this country. While shedding light on the FBI, this documentary also documents the history of the Black, Chicano/Latino, Puerto Rican and Native American movements for freedom in this country.

This film links the racialist mentality that allowed COINTELPRO to operate freely until Congress shut it down with what is happening in communities of color and movements for social change today.

BRICK is a student activist club at South Puget Sound Community College. BRICK stands for "Building Revolution by Increasing Community Knowledge."

Vigil at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma
Saturday, April 16, 11am
Bridges Not Walls invites your participation in a vigil at the Northwest Detention Center, which was built on a superfund toxic waste site near downtown Tacoma. Carpool to leave Olympia at 11am from the Olympia-Rafah Solidarity Mural at Capitol and State, and will return to Oly by around 5pm.

The NWDC houses up to 1500 detainees and is run by GEO Group, a for-profit corporation that consumes $150,000 of taxpayers' taxes each night that it's full. Prisons and detention centers are a bizarre growth industry in the US! Bring coffee and food to support families that are visiting their locked-up loved ones; come and also protest a failed immigration policy.

Email bridgesnotwalls@riseup.net or call (503) 970-3399 by Thursday, April 14, for more information on what to bring (and what not to bring).

Bridges Not Walls Shelton meeting
Sunday, April 24, 4 pm
943-8642 for more information
Bridges Not Walls to meet at 4pm in downtown Shelton at the Mason County Literacy office. The carpool from Olympia will leave promptly at 3:15pm from the Olympia-Rafah Solidarity Mural (State and Capitol). 360-943-8642 for more information.

Author: Antonia Juhasz
Black Tide: The Devastating Impact of the Gulf Oil Spill
Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 pm
Olympia Unitarian Church
2200 East End St NW, Olympia
On April 20, 2010 BP and Transocean's Deepwater Horizon exploded, killing eleven people and setting off the largest oil spill in US history. One year later as we celebrate Earth Day, Antonia Juhasz, an oil industry expert who was embedded with the people experiencing the disaster will join us to discuss what really happened in the Gulf. What are conditions like today? What can we do to ensure such a disaster never occurs again?

Antonia Juhasz is the Director of the Energy Program at Global Exchange where she takes on Big Oil by uniting and advocating for communities on the front lines of oil production. Juhasz is author of several books, including: The Tyranny of Oil and the Bush Agenda. (See www.black-tide.org)

Contact mollygibbs3@gmail.com for directions

Event is free; donations accepted.

Sponsors: Carnegie Group, Olympia Unitarian Universalist Church, Orca Books

Olympia Food Co-op Classes

Register in person at either store between 11am-6pm daily or online at http://www.olympiafood.coop/classes.

Spring Foods: Detoxification & Rejuvenation
Taught by Allison Hamza
1 April, Friday 6:30 - 8:30pm
Location: GRuB Farmhouse
Snacks, Salads, and More! We'll learn how to make simple nutrient dense, cleansing spring foods and discuss methods for gentle daily detoxification to support our bodies springing to life as the sun returns.

Cooking with Greens
Taught by Erin Majors
4 April, Monday 6:30 - 8:30pm
Location: GRuB Farmhouse
Are you interested in adding more greens to your diet, but aren't sure where to start? Come learn some simple recipes that are quick, nutritious, and easy to prepare. Whether you grow greens in your home garden, receive a CSA share, or buy your greens from the Co-op or Farmer's Market, this class will provide you with a good introduction to cooking with kales, chards, arugula, and collards. Learn to cook with greens from someone who loves to eat them, and hopefully you will find that you love to eat them too!

GMO Presentation
Taught by Sandra Lee
7 April, Thursday 6 - 8pm
Location: Olympia Food Co-op Community Classroom
Learn about the health risks associated with eating GMO's, and learn how to avoid these foods. This presentation is based on trainings led by consumer advocate Jeffrey Smith of Institute for Responsible Technology. This class is offered free, but requires registration.

Homemade Bodycare: Natural Hair Care and Spring Herbs
Taught by Diana Pisco
9 April, Saturday 3 - 5pm
Location: Fertile Ground Guesthouse
Are you as concerned about what you put on your body as what you put in it? Homemade bodycare is delicious and easy to do, doesn't have to be made with chemicals, and SAVES YOU MONEY. Together we will learn about healthy hair care with the addition of some wild crafted spring herbs into our haircare regiments. Bring a few small containers for take-home samples of our creations.

Preparing Nettles for Food and Medicine
Taught by Summer Bock
15 April, Friday 6 - 8pm
Location: Fertile Ground Guesthouse
Welcome in the spring and come learn the folk method for tincturing fresh nettles (alcohol or glycerin) and a few exciting food preparations for this rejuvenative and abundant herb.

Going Gluten-free
Taught by Summer Bock
26 April, Tuesday 6 - 8pm
Location: Fertile Ground Guesthouse
Do you suspect that gluten-free may be the way to go? Join staff member and nutrition counselor, Summer Bock for a presentation where you will learn the best ways to test intolerance, what health concerns you have that may be resolved by going gluten-free, the best GF websites and forums, and an overview of what it would entail for you to change to a gluten-free diet. (All gluten-free with options for dairy-free and egg-free too.)

When the Kids Move Out: How to Eat In a 1-2 person Household
Taught by Ava Waits
28 April, Thursday 6:30 - 8:30pm
Location: Fertile Ground Guesthouse
This cooking class is perfect for moms, dads, and families who no longer have to cook for their growing children. We'll discuss quick, smaller meals to satisfy your shrinking family, keep you healthy, and still impress kids when they come home to visit.

Traditions Café & World Folk Art Events

300 5th Avenue SW, Olympia

OKSCA Meeting
Friday, April 1, 7:00 pm, Free
Planning meeting for Children's Day.

Teresa Tudury
Saturday, April 2, 8:00 pm
Northern California and past longtime L.A. resident Teresa Tudury who the *Los Angeles Times* has called "...a star in the making" or the *Hollywood Reporter* stated is "...a simmering Mother Lode of singing, songwriting, acting, and madcap comedy talent" returns to Traditions. She is a consummate performer who pours out her original songs with power and passion accompanied by a bluesy guitar.
$12 Student/low income: $8

Jazz Jam
Sunday, April 3, 2:30 pm
The Jazz community of the South Sound will hold a jazz jam in our cafe on the 1st Sunday of the month from 2:30 to 5pm. Free to all.

Oly Songwriter Circle
Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 pm
Free

Heartsparkle Players
Friday, April 8, 7:30 pm
Each month Heartsparkle has a collaboration with a community supporting organization in order to highlight its work and provide a general theme around which the audience will share its stories and Heartsparkle will "playback" improvisationally those stories. Visit the website.
Donation $5 - $10 (no one turned away)

Claudia Schmidt
Saturday, April 9, 8:00 pm
Claudia's coming back to Traditions, and we have learned to expect anything at one of her concerts – hymn, poem, bawdy verse, torch song, satire, and the gamut of emotions. Her musicality is astonishing, and her joy and love of performing are contagious.
$12 Student/low income: $8

The Straw Hat String Band
Sunday, April 10, 2:00 pm
On the 2nd Sunday of each month we'll have some free acoustic music in the cafe.The Straw Hat String Band is a fervent acoustic traditional band that does interpretations of many folk genres - Contradance, Irish, Old Timey, Québécois, Métis, American Roots, Blues, Rock, Jazz, and Latin.
Free

Jung Society
Sunday, April 10, 7:00 PM
Free

Open Shape Note singing
Sunday, April 10, 5:00 PM
Open to all who would like to sing in the shape note traditions
Free

Call to Action
Monday, April 11, 7:00 pm
Free

NOW Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 pm
Free

South Sound Clean Clothes Campaign
Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 pm
This community group formed in 2000 to address sweatshop issues and has focused on getting public institutions to adopt sweatshop free purchasing practices. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month. For more info. go to www.southsoundcleanclothes.org
Free

Earth Care
Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 pm
Video and discussion. Tonight's film is "Hidden Dangers in Kids' Meals: Genetically Engineered Films."
Free

David Roth
Friday, April 15, 8:30 pm
Former Seattle resident (now living on Cape Cod) David Roth returns to Traditions, now in his 20th year of full-time music-making. During his time in the Pacific Northwest Roth recorded 4 of his 9 CDs and joining him this evening will be co-producer David Lange on piano and accordion, for a healthy dose of heavy-mental easy-listening protest music. Think James Taylor meets Jerry Seinfeld meets Joe Hill.
www.davidrothmusic.com
Tickets: $12 Student/low income: $8

Evie Ladin
Saturday, April 16, 8:00 pm
"Evie Ladin is a natural entertainer with a gift for infusing folk practices with contemporary verve." --*San Francisco Chronicle*. The polyrhythmic heat and funk of Evie Ladin's clawhammer banjo, resonant voice, real stories and rhythmic dance have been heard from "A Prairie Home Companion to Celtic Connections," Lincoln Center to Hardly Strictly Bluegrass. Based in Oakland, CA, Evie tours solo, duo with Keith Terry, and with her expansive stringband Evil Diane. Known as a driving force behind San Francisco's Stairwell Sisters, Evie's solo debut Float Downstream (2010) was produced by famed mandolinist/composer Mike Marshall and percussionist Keith Terry. Her live performance is a demonstrative, delightfully gorgeous storm. We are glad to welcome her to Traditions for the first time. Visit the website.

Veterans for Peace Meeting
Sunday, April 17, 5:30 pm
Free

Bluegrass and Acoustic Music Jam
Sunday, April 17, 2:00 pm
This is a 3rd Sunday monthly jam of bluegrass and acoustic musicians
Free

Uke and Singalong
Monday, April 18, 7:00 pm
Veteran folk musicians and uke enthusiasts and teachers Steve Einhorn and Kate Power.
Free

Poetry night
Wednesday, April 20, 6:30 pm
Featured poet and open mic. Sponsored by the Olympia Poetry Network. Visit the website.
Free

Plants and Planets
Thursday, April 21, 6:30 pm
This monthly presentation has a $10 requested donation.

Arts Walk
Friday, April 22, 5:00 pm
Come in to hear lively Irish music by The Burren Boys starting around 6:00. Jigs, reels, songs and perhaps a Turkish set will keep things jumping. And it is free... Visit the website.

Arts Walk Procession Night
Saturday, April 23, 5:30 pm
Artswalk continues all day and the magical Procession of the Species happens in the afternoon. As the parade finishes near us we will start the music - the Holly Graham Group Ensemble will perform folk, jazz, and ballads. Visit the website.
Free

Hot Club Sandwich
Friday, April 29, 8:00 pm
Great string swing tonight with the return of Hot Club Sandwich to our stage. Performing from San Francisco to Seattle, New York to Fargo, at clubs, colleges, theaters and ballrooms, festivals and farmers' markets, and on subways and street corners, Hot Club Sandwich has established itself as one of the leading Django-inspired bands on the Northwest's Gypsy jazz scene.
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WORKS IN PROGRESS

SERVING THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY OF OLYMPIA SINCE 1990

April 2011

Week of labor solidarity

Planned Parenthood under attack

Cultural appropriation in Olympia

Lessons from COINTELPRO

I-1149: End the marijuana prohibition

Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace & Justice presents:

Peace Works 2011

Solidarity in Action

Connecting communities throughout the region organizing for justice in Palestine / Israel

April 8-9 • The Evergreen State College

Several speakers and workshops

Preregistration required at www.rachelcorriefoundation.org

ALICE WALKER

Alice Walker, author of *The Color Purple*, will speak about her experiences traveling to Gaza with Craig and Cindy Corrie in 2009.

SHARIF ABDEL KOUDDOUS

Sharif Abdel Kouddous, senior producer of *Democracy Now!* who has just returned from covering the Egyptian uprising first-hand.

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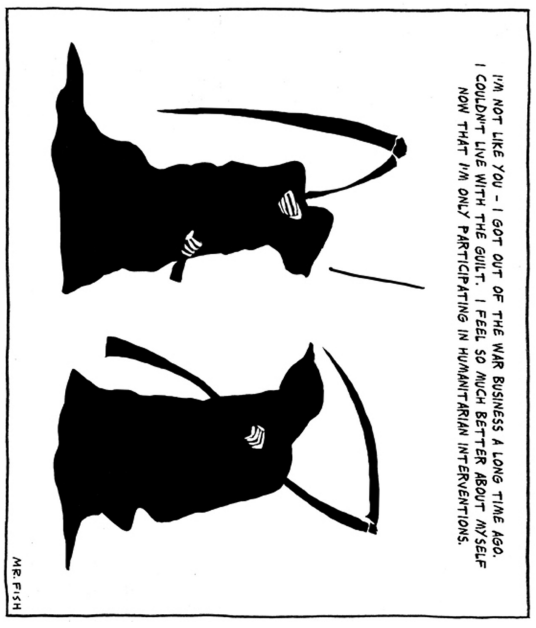
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